

House condemns Trump 'racist' tweets in extraordinary rebuke

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a remarkable political repudiation, the Democratic-led U.S. House voted Tuesday night to condemn President Donald Trump's "racist comments" against four congresswomen of color, despite protestations by Trump's Republican congressional allies and his own insistence he hasn't "a racist bone in my body." Two days after Trump tweeted that four Democratic freshmen should "go back" to their home countries — though all are citizens and three were born in the U.S.A. — Democrats muscled the resolution through the chamber by 240-187 over near-solid GOP opposition. The rebuke was an embarrassing one for Trump even though it carries no legal repercussions, but if anything his latest harangues should help him with his die-hard conservative base.

Despite a lobbying effort by Trump and party leaders for a unified GOP front, four Republicans voted to condemn his remarks: moderate Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick of Pennsylvania, Fred Upton of Michigan, Will Hurd



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., arrives for a closed-door session with her caucus before a vote on a resolution condemning what she called "racist comments" by President Donald Trump at the Capitol in Washington, Tuesday, July 16, 2019.

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of Texas and Susan Brooks of Indiana, who is retiring. Also backing the measure was Michigan's independent Rep. Justin Amash, who

left the GOP this month after becoming the party's sole member of Congress to back a Trump impeachment inquiry.

Democrats saved one of the day's most passionate moments until near the end. "I know racism when I see it," said Rep. John Lewis

of Georgia, whose skull was fractured at the 1965 "Bloody Sunday" civil rights march in Selma, Alabama.

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"At the highest level of government, there's no room for racism."

Before the showdown roll call, Trump characteristically plunged forward with time-tested insults. He accused his four outspoken critics of "spewing some of the most vile, hateful and disgusting things ever said by a politician" and added, "If you hate our Country, or if you are not happy here, you can leave!" — echoing taunts long unleashed against political dissidents rather than opposing parties' lawmakers.

The president was joined by House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy of California and other top Republicans in trying to redirect the focus from Trump's original tweets, which for three days have consumed Washington and drawn widespread condemnation. Instead, they tried playing offense by accusing the four congresswomen — among the Democrats' most left-leaning members and ardent Trump critics — of socialism, an accusation that's already a central theme of the GOP's 2020 presidential and congressional cam-



From left, Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., and Rep. Ayanna Pressley, D-Mass., respond to remarks by President Donald Trump after his call for the four Democratic congresswomen to go back to their "broken" countries, during a news conference at the Capitol in Washington, Monday, July 15, 2019.

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Even after two-and-a-half years of Trump's turbulent governing style, the spectacle of a president futilely laboring to head off a House vote essentially proclaiming him to be a racist was extraordinary.

Underscoring the stakes, Republicans formally objected after Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California said during a floor speech that Trump's tweets were "racist." Led by Rep. Doug Collins of Georgia, Republicans moved to have her words

stricken from the record, a rare procedural rebuke.

After a delay exceeding 90 minutes, No. 2 House Democrat Steny Hoyer of Maryland said Pelosi had indeed violated a House rule against characterizing an action as racist. Hoyer was presiding after Rep. Emanuel Cleaver of Missouri stormed away from the presiding officer's chair, lamenting, "We want to just fight," apparently aimed at Republicans. Even so, Democrats flexed their muscle and the House voted afterward by party line to leave Pelosi's words intact in the record.

Some rank-and-file GOP lawmakers have agreed that Trump's words were racist, but on Tuesday party leaders insisted they were not and accused Democrats of using the resulting tumult to score political points. Among the few voices of restraint, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Trump wasn't racist, but he also called on leaders "from the president to the speaker to the freshman members of the House" to attack ideas, not the people who espouse them.

"There's been a consensus that political rhetoric has gotten way, way heated across the political spectrum," said the Republican leader from Kentucky, breaking his own two days of silence on Trump's attacks.

Hours earlier, Trump tweeted, "Those Tweets were NOT Racist. I don't have a Racist bone in my body!"

He wrote that House Republicans should "not show 'weakness'" by agreeing to a resolution he labeled "a Democrat con game."

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York, one of Trump's four targets, returned his fire.

"You're right, Mr. President - you don't have a racist bone in your body. You have a racist mind in your head and a racist heart in your chest," she tweeted.

The four-page Democratic resolution said the House "strongly condemns President Donald Trump's racist comments that have legitimized and increased fear and hatred of new Americans and people of color." It said Trump's slights "do not belong in Congress or in the United States of America."

All but goading Republicans, the resolution included a full page of remarks by President Ronald Reagan, who is revered by the GOP. Reagan said in 1989 that if the U.S. shut its doors to newcomers, "our leadership in the world would soon be lost."

Tuesday's faceoff came after years of Democrats bristling over anti-immigrant and racially incendiary pronouncements by Trump. Those include his kicking off his presidential campaign by proclaiming many Mexican migrants to be criminals and asserting there were "fine people" on both sides at a 2017 neo-Nazi rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, that turned deadly.

And the strong words in Washington come as actions are underway else-

where: The administration has begun coast-to-coast raids targeting migrants in the U.S. illegally and has newly restricted access to the U.S. by asylum seekers. Trump's criticism was aimed at four freshman Democrats who have garnered attention since their arrival in January for their outspoken liberal views and thinly veiled distaste for Trump: Ocasio-Cortez and Reps. Ilhan Omar of Minnesota, Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts and Rashida Tlaib of Michigan. All were born in the U.S. except for Omar, who came to the U.S. as a child after fleeing Somalia with her family.

The four have waged an increasingly personal clash with Pelosi over how assertively the House should try restraining Trump's ability to curb immigration. But if anything, Trump's tweets may have eased some of that tension, with Pelosi telling Democrats at a closed-door meeting Tuesday, "We are offended by what he said about our sisters," according to an aide who described the private meeting on condition of anonymity.

That's not to say that all internal Democratic strains are resolved.

The four rebellious freshmen backed Rep. Steven Cohen of Tennessee in unsuccessfully seeking a House to vote on a harsher censure of Trump's tweets. And Rep. Al Green of Texas was trying to force a House vote soon on whether to impeach Trump — a move he's tried in the past but lost, earning opposition from most Democrats.

At the Senate Republicans' weekly lunch Tuesday, Trump's tweets came up and some lawmakers were finding the situation irksome, participants said. Many want the 2020 campaigns to focus on progressive Democrats' demands for government-provided health care, abolishing the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency and other hard-left policies.

"Those ideas give us so much material to work with and it takes away from our time to talk about it," Sen. Mike Braun of Indiana said of Trump's tweets. □

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Judge formally bans citizenship question from 2020 census

By LARRY NEUMEISTER
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NEW YORK (AP) — A federal judge formally banned the citizenship question from the 2020 census on Tuesday, days after President

Donald Trump announced his administration would no longer seek to add it.

Judge Jesse Furman signed an order after New York State Attorney General Letitia James and the Ameri-

can Civil Liberties Union told him in a letter that defendants including the Commerce Department didn't oppose their request for an order. The Justice Department declined to

comment.

The order was a largely procedural move allowing Furman to retain jurisdiction in the event the government switches tactics and pursues adding the question again. He said he'll retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of the order until the 2020 census results are processed and sent to the president. That is supposed to happen by Dec. 31, 2020.

For now, though, the order has the effect of closing the dispute brought by numerous states and municipalities across the country. Lawyers for the plaintiffs had argued that adding the citizenship question for the first time since 1950 would depress participation by immigrants, lowering the population count in states that tend to vote

Democratic and decreasing government funds and congressional representation to those areas.

Furman had ruled against adding the citizenship question early this year. The U.S. Supreme Court then temporarily blocked plans to add the census question, saying the administration's justification for adding it "seems to have been contrived."

After conflicting signals from Trump and the Justice Department over whether they'd pursue adding the question anyway, Trump announced Thursday that he was directing federal agencies to try to compile the information using existing databases instead — saying that would help ascertain the citizenship of over 90% percent of the population. □



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In this May 20, 2013 file photo, retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens talks about his views and career during a forum at the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston.

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Former Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens dies at 99

By MARK SHERMAN and CONNIE CASS

Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — John Paul Stevens, the bow-tied, independent-thinking, Republican-nominated justice who unexpectedly emerged as the Supreme Court's leading liberal, died Tuesday in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, after suffering a

stroke Monday. He was 99. During nearly 35 years on the court, Stevens stood for the freedom and dignity of individuals, be they students or immigrants or prisoners. He acted to limit the death penalty, squelch official prayer in schools, establish gay rights, promote racial equality and preserve legal abortion. He protected the rights of crime suspects and illegal immigrants facing deportation.

He influenced fellow justices to give foreign terrorism suspects held for years at the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, naval base the right to plead for their release in U.S. courts.

Stevens served more than twice the average tenure for a justice, and was only the second to mark his 90th birthday on the high court. From his appointment by President Gerald Ford in 1975 through his retirement in June 2010, he shaped decisions that touched countless aspects of American life.

He remained an active writer and speaker into his late 90s, surprising some when he came out against Justice Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation following Kavanaugh's angry denial of sexual assault allegations. Stevens wrote an autobiography, "The Making of a Justice: My First 94 Years," that was released just after his 99th birthday in April 2019.

At first considered a centrist, Stevens came to be seen as a lion of liberalism. But he rejected that characterization.

"I don't think of myself as a liberal at all," Stevens told The New York Times in 2007.

"I think as part of my general politics, I'm pretty darn conservative."

The way Stevens saw it, he held to the same ground, but the court had shifted steadily to the right over the decades, creating the illusion that he was moving leftward.

He did change his views on some issues, however. He morphed from a critic of affirmative action to a supporter, and came to believe the death penalty was wrong.

His legal reasoning was often described as unpredictable or idiosyncratic, especially in his early years on the court. He was a prolific writer of separate opinions laying out his own thinking, whether he agreed or disagreed with the majority's ruling.

Yet Stevens didn't consider his methods novel. He tended toward a case-by-case approach, avoided sweeping judicial philosophies, and stayed mindful of precedent.

The white-haired Stevens, eyes often twinkling behind owl-like glasses, was the picture of old-fashioned geniality on the court and off. He took an unusually courteous tone with lawyers arguing their cases, but he was no pushover. After his fellow justices fired off questions, Stevens would politely weigh in. "May I ask a question?" he'd ask gently, then quickly slice to the weakest point of a lawyer's argument.

Stevens was especially concerned with the plight of ordinary citizens up against the government or other powerful interests — a type of struggle he witnessed as a boy. □

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Lawmaker: Expand compensation from nuclear weapons testing

By SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) —

A compensation program for those exposed to radiation from years of nuclear weapons testing and uranium mining would be expanded under legislation that seeks to address fallout across the western United States, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.

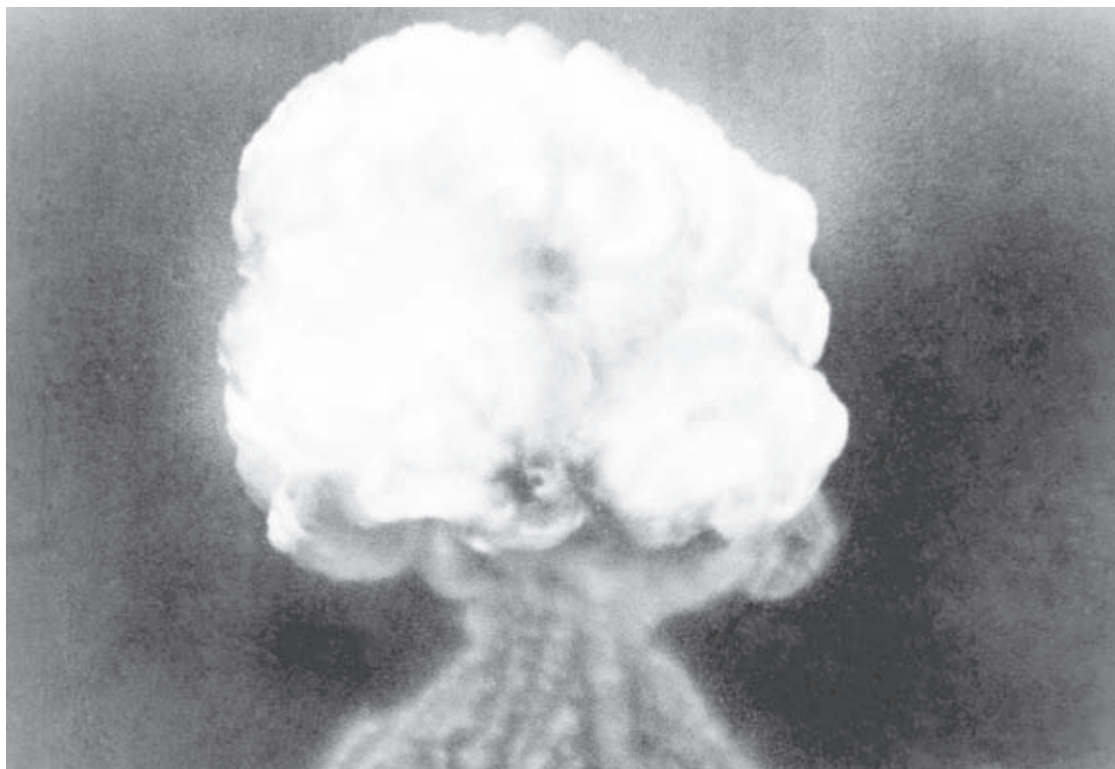
U.S. Rep. Ben Ray Lujan rolled out the measure Tuesday on the 74th anniversary of the Trinity Test.

As part of the top-secret Manhattan Project, government scientists and the U.S. military dropped the first atomic bomb in the New Mexico desert in 1945. Nearly 200 atmospheric tests followed. Uranium mining persisted even after the tests ceased.

Tens of thousands of people — from miners and truck drivers to those living in communities near test sites — were exposed to radiation that has resulted in cancer, birth defects and other illnesses, said Lujan, a New Mexico Democrat. He said radiation exposure has disproportionately affected Native American communities as well as those who have lived in the shadow of that first test.

"Radiation exposure has taken the lives of too many and continues to hurt our communities. I know how important this legislation is for New Mexico families that have been affected," he said.

The Radiation Exposure Compensation Act was first passed in 1990 as an alternative to costly litigation to ensure the federal



This July 16, 1945, file photo, shows the mushroom cloud of the first atomic explosion at Trinity Test Site near Alamogordo, N.M.

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government met its financial responsibilities to workers who became sick as a result of the radiation hazards of their jobs. Coverage was broadened a decade later.

Compensation currently ranges from lump sums of \$100,000 for uranium workers to \$50,000 for those who lived downwind of the Nevada Test Site.

Supporters of the legislation have argued for years that there are many more people who were exposed but not eligible to file claims under the program.

This includes downwinders in New Mexico's Tularosa Basin, where the Trinity Test was conducted.

The Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium say many who lived near the site weren't told it involved an atomic weapon until the U.S. dropped bombs on

the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and World War II ended.

"The government did nothing at the time to monitor what was happening with the fallout," said Tina Cordova, a co-founder of the group and cancer survivor. "They did nothing to protect our health at the time of the test. They did nothing to warn before or after and people were dying."

Despite the lack of comprehensive epidemiological studies, Cordova pointed to a paper published this week in the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists on state health data that showed a spike in infant mortality with no known cause other than it began a month after the Trinity Test.

She said the increase followed what had been a steady decline in infant mortality in New Mexico up

until August 1945.

"This is significant," she said of the data, saying it can help frame the debate as the bill moves through the U.S. House.

Similar legislation has been introduced by U.S. Sens. Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich.

Nearly three dozen House members have signed on to Lujan's measure and his office is confident this could be the year that other downwinders are added to the list of those who can

get compensation.

Lawmakers also are facing a deadline as authorization for the compensation program will expire in two years. Lujan said that will leave thousands of people without the ability to pay for medical care for illnesses linked to exposure.

The legislation would extend the program until 2045 and the timeframe for those exposed while working in the uranium industry would be extended to Dec. 31, 1990.

The measure also would require Congress to issue an apology to those exposed in New Mexico, Idaho, Colorado, Arizona, Utah, Texas, Wyoming, Oregon, Washington, South Dakota, North Dakota, Nevada, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.

The definition of downwind states would be expanded to include Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Guam.

U.S. Rep. Michael San Nicolas of Guam said nuclear fallout has left behind a deadly legacy.

"It is about cancer. It is about the major impact these diseases have on our families," he said. "It is about the life and death of loved ones past, present, and future." □

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In this July 26, 2018, file photo, U.S. Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt waits to speak during the annual state of Colorado energy luncheon sponsored by the Colorado Petroleum council in Denver.

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By **DAN ELLIOTT and BRADY McCOMBS**

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DENVER (AP) — The Trump administration said Tuesday that it can save taxpayers millions of dollars, make better decisions and trim a "top heavy" office in Washington by moving the headquarters of the nation's biggest land agency to Colorado and dispersing scores of jobs across 11 states in the U.S. West.

Interior Department officials said they hope to open the new Bureau of Land Management headquarters in the western Colorado town of Grand Junction and complete most of the job shifts by September 2020.

Moving the bureau, which is part of the Interior Department, out of Washington is a long-cherished goal of Western state politicians who cite the preponderance of public lands in their part of the country.

The bureau oversees nearly 388,000 square miles (1 million square kilometers) of public land — 99% of it in 12 Western states — and balances competing demands from oil and gas

drilling, mining, ranching, outdoor recreation and environmental protection.

Energy and ranching interests praised the move as an overdue step to give them better access to officials who have considerable power over their businesses. Environmental groups say it will make the bureau a less important part of President Donald Trump's administration.

Joseph Balash, an assistant secretary of the Interior, said in a conference call with reporters that the moves could save at least \$50 million and up to \$100 million over 20 years because office space is usually cheaper in the West than in Washington, and cost-of-living differentials for federal employees are lower.

Congress allocated \$5.6 million for the move this year, but future cost projections weren't available. Balash said nearly half the Bureau of Land Management's senior executives are in Washington, even though the vast majority of its approximately 10,000 employees are in the West.

"The Washington, D.C.-based personnel are, for lack of a better term, top-heavy," he said.

Moving senior executives into Western offices would allow them to mentor younger employees and share their knowledge, Balash said.

Rep. Raul M. Grijalva, an Arizona Democrat and chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, said he suspected the true motive was to force out some employees not willing to transfer. The Interior Department has denied that. In a letter to Congress, Balash said about 300 jobs would move to Western states, but fewer than 30 appeared headed to Grand Junction, a city of about 63,000 people 250 miles (400 kilometers) west of Denver. They would include the bureau director and other top officials.

The department said about 85 jobs would be shifted to Colorado, with most of them going to suburban Denver, where the federal government has a large campus with regional offices for several agencies.

Nevada was in line for nearly 50 jobs, Utah about 45, and Arizona and New Mexico about 40 each, the department said.

About 60 positions would stay in Washington to handle budget and policy questions and work with Congress.

Interior Secretary David Bernhardt said in a statement that shifting bureau leaders to the West would lead to better decisions, but neither he nor other officials described what decisions that would shift from Washington or how they would improve.

Kathleen Sgamma, president of the oil industry trade group Western Energy Alliance, said more people who are affected by bureau decisions would be able to meet with agency leaders.

"The whole focus will be on the West, where it should be," Sgamma said. "Right now, it's easy to sit in D.C. and deny a rancher a grazing permit. It's not so easy when he's sitting across the table from you."

Mike Noel, a rancher and former Utah state lawmak-

er, said it will be easier for him to drive to Grand Junction than fly to Washington to talk with bureau staff.

"Having the BLM out here and closer to the ground, we're going to get better decisions," Noel said. "There's a different philosophy out here than there is in Washington, D.C."

Jennifer Rokala of the Center for Western Priorities, an environmental group, called the move "nothing but a PR stunt" and said it could diminish the role of the Bureau of Land Management within the Interior Department.

Tracy Stone-Manning of the National Wildlife Federation said it was "expensive and unnecessary."

The headquarters would be in a small city nestled against the Colorado River with views of the orange and brown rock cliffs that are part of nearby Colorado National Monument. Grand Junction has a small college and touts its wineries that sprung up from the fruit-growing region.

Critics have cited potential difficulties flying between Grand Junction and Washington. Grand Junction Regional Airport does not have a direct flight to Washington but has non-stop service to Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Phoenix and other cities.

The Bureau of Land Management traces its roots to the General Land Office, created in 1812 to distribute territory that the U.S. was acquiring through wars, treaties and purchases. In 1946, it merged with the U.S. Grazing Service to form the bureau.

Last year, then-Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke raised the possibility of moving the bureau west as part of a larger reorganization of his department along new regional borders. Zinke said the changes would streamline the department and align its regions more with ecological zones than political borders.

Zinke stepped down in January amid ethics allegations, and Bernhardt has kept planning but with less fanfare. □

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New York raises statewide smoking age to 21

By DAVID KLEPPER
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York will raise its smoking age from 18 to 21 under legislation signed into law Tuesday by the state's governor.

The change, which takes effect in 120 days, will apply to the sales of traditional tobacco products as well as electronic cigarettes and vaporizers. Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat, said too many children and teens pick up smoking despite decades of efforts to snuff out the habit, in part because of marketing aimed at young people.

"By raising the smoking age from 18 to 21, we can stop cigarettes and e-cigarettes from getting into the hands of young people in the first place and prevent an entire generation of New Yorkers from forming costly and potentially deadly addictions," he said in a state-

ment announcing his signature.

According to the American Cancer Society, 95 percent of all smokers begin using tobacco before age 21. Raising the smoking age to 21 — a proposal the Society dubs "tobacco 21" — had been a major priority for the group in New York. "Tobacco 21 is a no-brainer," said Julie Hart, senior government relations director for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network of New York.

Sixteen states have approved raising the smoking age to 21, though in some the changes won't take effect until later in 2019 or in coming years.

In addition, hundreds of local communities around the nation have made the move to 21. In New York state they include New York City, Long Island, Albany and a dozen other counties. □

Florida sued over sanctuary policy ban

MIAMI (AP) — The city of South Miami and a coalition of immigrant advocates sued Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis on Tuesday over a new law that forces local law enforcement agencies to cooperate with federal immigration officials.

Activists representing farmworkers, Haitian immigrants, and asylum seekers warned the new law banning "sanctuary" policies is spreading fear at a time when President Donald Trump is announcing sweeps being conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The lawsuit filed by lawyers with the Southern Poverty Law Center argues the new legislation will erode trust in law enforcement and lead to racial profiling. It says brown and black people will be subject to harassment by law enforcement because they might be perceived as foreigners. Mandating cooperation with ICE could be dangerous during hurricane season when residents are asked to heed local government orders of evacuation, SPLC attorney Mich Gonzalez said at a news conference.

In the city of South Miami, more than half of the people are Hispanic or Latino, mostly of Cuban descent,



Alana Greer, of the Community Justice Project, speaks during a news conference announcing that a coalition of immigrant rights groups are filing a federal lawsuit over Senate Bill 168, a new Florida state law requiring local law enforcement officials to cooperate with federal immigration authorities, Tuesday, July 16, 2019, in Miami.

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according to U.S. Census estimates.

"For us this is aimed at keeping the lines of communication opened between all communities and South Miami police department," said South Miami commissioner Robert Welsh. "We are worried."

DeSantis signed the bill into law last month.

The complaint says the law violates the U.S. Constitution's supremacy clause, which renders state laws invalid if they conflict with federal ones. It also says the legislation goes against the 14th Amendment's due process clause because

it detains immigrants past their release date without a warrant.

The complaint states the law was drafted by anti-immigrant organizations, which the SPLC has listed among its hate groups.

The governor's office didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

The lawsuit also says ICE can wrongfully ensnare U.S. citizens. A report by the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida says that in two years ICE requested to hold 420 people who were later identified as U.S. citizens in Miami-Dade County's jail records. □

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Von der Leyen confirmed as new European Commission president

By **RAF CASERT**
Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — Ursula von der Leyen was confirmed as the European Commission president Tuesday, becoming the first woman to hold one of the most prestigious positions in the European Union and who will be one of the most prominent faces from the bloc on the world stage.

The European Parliament voted 383-327 with 22 abstentions to approve von der Leyen's nomination. The confirmation required an absolute majority of 374 votes and the outgoing German defense minister scraped through with barely nine votes to spare in a cliffhanger vote.

"A majority is a majority in politics," she said when questioned about her narrow escape.

Von der Leyen will replace Jean-Claude Juncker when his term expires at the end of October.

She was put forward as a last-minute candidate by EU leaders as part over an overall appointments package, sidestepping parliamentary wishes. Many legislators felt cold-shouldered and said they would oppose her out of principle, not over personal considerations.



German Ursula von der Leyen talks to journalists during a news conference following her election as new European Commission President at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, eastern France, Tuesday, July 16, 2019.

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"There was a great deal of resentment," she said.

Von der Leyen insisted the challenges facing the EU, from climate to migration and internal division, were such that there was no time to look back.

"My message to all of you is: let us work together constructively," she said.

Earlier in the day, Von der Leyen set out her political objectives on a greener, gender-equal Europe

where the rule of law continues to hold sway.

Her approval was a key part in the package of top jobs that EU leaders agreed upon early this month. Under the deal, the free-market liberal Renew Europe group got Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel as European Council president and the Socialists won the top parliament job. France's Christine Lagarde was put forward as head of

the European Central Bank. Von der Leyen told lawmakers in Strasbourg that the gender element as embodied by herself and Lagarde will be an essential part of her job.

"I will ensure full gender equality" in her team of 28 commissioners. "I want to see as many men as women around the college table," she said.

Pointing out that since its inception in 1958, less than

20% of commissioners had been women, she said: "We represent half of our population. We want our fair share."

The gender breakthrough was welcome across much of the plenary.

"It is a great day for Europe to have a woman elected to lead the European Commission," said Dacian Cioloș, leader of the liberal Renew Europe group.

The rest of the commission team, which prepares a wide range of legislation from climate change to farm subsidies and digital rules, will be proposed by the EU member states, which have the right to one each.

Von der Leyen insisted that, despite euroskeptic governments like Italy, Poland and Hungary, she would only work with pro-European politicians.

"I want a commission that is working to strengthen Europe to position Europe in this world in its appropriate role," she said.

"None of us on its own will be as successful in tackling the problems as we are together — 28 member states," she said.

Officials in the von der Leyen camp had long acknowledged that the vote would be a cliffhanger. □

Italy's Salvini bows to pressure to respond on Russia report



Italian Deputy-Premier and Interior Minister Matteo Salvini meets the media in Rome, Monday, July 15, 2019.

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ROME (AP) — Italy's Deputy Premier Matteo Salvini bowed Tuesday to days of pressure and agreed to

respond to questions in Parliament about allegations that an associate sought Russian money for Salvini's pro-Moscow League party.

The associate, Gianluca Savoini, is under investigation by Milan prosecutors for alleged international corruption stemming from reports that he discussed the financing plan during a meeting with Russian officials in Moscow last year, months after the right-wing League came to power in a coalition government with the 5-Star Movement. Salvini had initially distanced himself from Savoini, denied taking any money from Russia and brushed off opposition demands to respond in Parliament, calling the whole case a "fantasy" as recently as Monday. But as calls increased for him to refer to Parliament and extended to his populist 5-Star coalition partner, he agreed Tuesday.

Salvini said he would respond to lawmakers "about everything humanly knowable" during a regular question-and-answer appearance in Parliament, the ANSA news agency reported.

"Certainly I'll go to Parliament. It's my job," he was quoted as saying during a visit to Genoa. No date was immediately set.

The investigation began after Italian newsweekly L'Espresso reported in February that Savoini had sought millions of dollars in financing for the League during a meeting with Russian officials in Moscow last year. The case made headlines again last week after

BuzzFeed News published audio of the meeting.

Savoini on Monday was questioned by Milan prosecutors but invoked his right not to respond, according to his lawyer, Lara Pellegrini. She said he might respond later once the defense has been provided with details of the investigation.

Savoini denies wrongdoing, she said. She declined to answer when asked if he attended the meeting caught on tape.

Chief prosecutor Francesco Greco said Tuesday there was "absolutely no" plan at the moment to summon Salvini for questioning, ANSA said. The investigation has become the latest issue to divide Italy's uneasy government coalition. □

Cryptocurrencies, digital tax top the agenda for G-7 meeting

By DAVID McHUGH
THOMAS ADAMSON
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Finance officials from the Group of Seven rich democracies will weigh risks from new digital currencies and debate how to tax tech companies like Google and Amazon when they meet in the Paris suburb of Chantilly.

Those two issues, raised by the impact of digitalization on the world economy, are at the top of the agenda for the gathering Wednesday and Thursday, hosted by French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire and including U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin.

The finance ministers' meeting will prepare the ground for a full G-7 summit of heads of state and government being held Aug. 24-26 in Biarritz in southern France.

Hanging over the ministers as they hold a working dinner Wednesday in the chateau at Chantilly: slowing global growth and the America-first trade policies of U.S. President Donald Trump, which have led to a tariff war with China and tensions with Europe. The G-7 includes European countries Germany, France, Britain and Italy, plus Canada, Japan and the United States.

Europe and the U.S. have exchanged a limited number of tariffs but Trump has threatened more damaging ones on European auto imports in an attempt to renegotiate overall trade relations. The talks have been slow as the two sides differ on whether agricultural as well as industrial products should be included. The U.S. wants to include farm products and the Europeans do not.

Those disagreements could be exacerbated by a newer point of contention: host France's decision to impose a 3% tax on the revenues of giant tech companies, which are mainly American. These companies do huge business across Europe but pay taxes only in the European Union nation where their local headquarters are based, often a



Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin takes questions as he speaks during a news briefing at the White House, in Washington, Monday, July 15, 2019.

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low-tax haven like Luxembourg or the Netherlands. The result is they pay a far lower rate than traditional businesses.

The U.S. has advocated a broader international approach being developed by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, a Paris-based organization representing much of the more developed world.

U.S. officials have said they're investigating the French move as a possible unfair trade practice that could lead to retaliation. Mnuchin told journalists Monday that "this will definitely be high on the agenda." Le Maire, in turn, said the French tax aimed to spur international action: "As soon as there will be an international solution, we will withdraw the national taxation."

"I will urge my American friends, instead of ... threatening France through sanctions to go the way of dialogue and entering into a fair negotiation to find a compromise at the level of the G-7, so that we will give a new impetus to the work that is currently done in the OECD," he said.

Where the U.S. may find more common ground with its G-7 partners will be in its mistrust of cryptocurrencies like Facebook's recently announced Libra. Mnuchin

said the U.S. Treasury Department has "very serious concerns that Libra could be misused by money launderers and terrorist financiers... This is indeed a national security issue." Le Maire has voiced similar concerns and has commissioned a report by top central bankers.

Libra would be based on

distributed technology similar to that which underpins Bitcoin, but with key differences. Bitcoin's value fluctuates, limiting its use to pay for things. In contrast, Facebook hopes to keep the value of the Libra fairly steady by tying it to a basket of major currencies. The social network envisions it as a way to send money

around the world without significant fees. Facebook won't run Libra directly but instead is setting up a non-profit with its partners to oversee the new currency. A broader issue is the state of international cooperation represented by the G-7 itself.

Trump has disrupted earlier summits by refusing to sign on for final statements, which traditionally summarize the group's shared views on key issues like global warming. U.S. officials have also spiked earlier language explicitly rejecting trade protectionism such as tariffs. After last year's G-7 hosted by Canada, Trump retracted U.S. support for the meeting's joint statement and tweeted criticism of the host, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Le Maire is hoping that unity will win out over divisions. "Since we are facing an unstable world, we are facing key challenges related to global warming, to the rise of new technologies, the new power of China, reinforcing the G-7 should be our common goal," he said. □

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Ukraine language law debate spills into UN Security Council

By JENNIFER PELTZ

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — A clash over a new Ukrainian language law played out Tuesday in the U.N. Security Council, where Ukrainian and Russian representatives sparred over whether the legislation promotes Ukrainian unity or jeopardizes the interests of the country's Russian-speaking population.

The discussion came amid political transition in Ukraine and hopes for progress in resolving conflicts that has flared there over the last five years.

Tuesday's back-and-forth reflected longstanding divisions over Russia's 2014 annexation of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula and Moscow's support for separatist rebels in eastern Ukraine. Russia denies involvement in fighting there that has killed more than 13,000 people. Both Ukrainian and Russian are widely spoken in Ukraine, and many residents use both languages. Still, the linguistic divide has



Rosemary DiCarlo, Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, briefs the United Nations Security Council on the situation in Ukraine, Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at UN headquarters. Associated Press

long been a point of political contention in the country of 45 million.

The issue heated up after a Russia-friendly Ukrainian president was ousted amid protests in 2014. Russian officials and media fanned

fears that Ukraine's new pro-Western government would force Ukrainian on residents of predominantly Russian-speaking eastern Ukraine, and pro-Russian separatists took control of parts of the region.

Russia requested Tuesday's discussion of the new language law, which passed this spring. It requires the use of Ukrainian in government and media, while Russian can be used in personal communications.

"The biased Ukrainian authorities have undertaken to eradicate" Russian, complained Moscow's U.N. ambassador, Vassily Nebenzia. He argued that the language rule undermines Security-Council-endorsed initiatives to end the conflict in Ukraine.

"The struggle for the conservation of national and cultural identity should not devolve into an encroachment upon the Russian-language-speaking people of the country," he said.

Ukraine's envoy countered that the language law was an internal matter that didn't warrant the council's scrutiny, and that Russia particularly should stay out of it.

"A country that for centuries suppressed the Ukrainian language, and forcefully replaced it with the Russian in all spheres of public life, is not in a position to tell us now what language we should speak and write," Ambassador Volodymyr Yelchenko said. □

Pakistani journalists hold protests to denounce censorship

By ZARAR KHAN

Associated Press

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani journalists held nationwide protests Tuesday to denounce rampant censorship by the country's powerful security services, massive layoffs due to budget cuts and months-long delays in payments of their wages.

The rallies, dubbed Day of Protests, were spearheaded by the Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists, which said that journalists, who face the roughest phase in the country's history, have decided to "fight the unprecedented censorship." Tuesday was only the "beginning of a protest movement," said Afzal Butt, union president.

Journalists and press freedom advocates say that the Pakistani military is pressuring media outlets to quash critical coverage while the newly elected government is slashing its advertising budget, squeezing a key source of



Pakistani journalists take part in a demonstration to denounce rampant censorship, in Islamabad, Pakistan, Tuesday, July 16, 2019. Associated Press

revenue for private newspapers and TV stations. In the last few months, hundreds of journalists have been laid off as media houses came under financial constraints after government advertising was

drastically reduced. At the rallies Tuesday, journalist wore black bands and held banners demanding an end to censorship, economic woes for those working in the media and abuse of media laws

to curb free expression. Authorities control "even minute details of the media content these days, and dictate who will be the face of print and electronic media," Butt said. There was no immediate

comment from the government. Zafar Abbas, editor of the leading Dawn daily which has faced increasing pressures, said Pakistani journalists have seen severe restrictions in the past, including shutting down of newspapers, imprisonment of journalists and direct censorship.

"But what we are witnessing today in the form of pressures from the state institutions ... news blackouts and self-censorship, is far worse," Abbas said.

Abbas, it was announced Tuesday, will receive the prestigious Committee to Protect Journalism's 2019 Gwen Ifill Press Freedom Award "recognizing extraordinary and sustained achievement in the cause of press freedom."

"Zaffar Abbas is the embodiment of journalistic courage, which is why the board is so pleased to honor him with the Gwen Ifill Press Freedom Award," said Kathleen Carroll, chair of the CPJ board. □



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Thailand's new Cabinet sworn in, ending rule by army junta

By KAWEEWIT KAEWJINDA
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Associated Press

BANGKOK (AP) — Thailand's new Cabinet was sworn in Tuesday, creating a nominally elected government after five years of military rule but keeping power in the hands of the same allies of the army. King Maha Vajiralongkorn presided over the swearing-in of the 36-member Cabinet, during which they pledged their loyalty to the constitutional monarch. "Every task has obstacles. Every mission faces problems," he told them in brief remarks. "It is normal to take on work and solve problems so that the country can be run smoothly according to circumstances." The Cabinet afterward regrouped at Government House for its first meeting. Prayuth Chan-ocha, who as army commander seized power in a 2014 coup and



Thailand's Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha attends a group photo with his cabinet members at the government house in Bangkok Tuesday, July 16, 2019.

Associated Press

then served as junta leader and prime minister, returns to serve again as prime minister. This time he was elected by a parliamentary

vote after a March general election gave pro-military parties a majority. The junta, which had given itself almost unlimited powers

without oversight, was dissolved with the inauguration of the new Cabinet. The election was held under a new constitution and

laws enacted by Prayuth's junta aimed at disadvantaging established political parties. Critics say the vote was undemocratic and engineered to prolong rule by the military and its conservative allies.

The measures were seen as being directly particularly at the Pheu Thai party, which headed the government deposed in 2014. Pheu Thai, under various names changed for legal reasons, had won every national election since it was founded in 1998 by telecoms tycoon Thaksin Shinawatra, who is despised by the country's conservative base, which includes the military. Thaksin himself was overthrown as prime minister in a 2006 military coup. Thaksin's populist policies won him enormous support at the polls but also threatened the influence of traditional power holders, including the military. □

Quake damages buildings on Bali, other Indonesian islands

By FIRDIA LISNAWATI

Associated Press

DENPASAR, Indonesia (AP)

— An earthquake shook Bali and other Indonesian islands Tuesday, causing panic and damaging homes and injuring one person.

It was the second strong earthquake in Indonesia since Sunday, when a quake in North Maluku province killed four people and damaged nearly 1,000 houses. About 3,100 people in the province are living in temporary shelters,

disaster officials said.

Tuesday's magnitude 5.7 quake was centered at sea 82 kilometers (51 miles) to the southwest of Denpasar on Bali at a depth of 91 kilometers (57 miles), the U.S. Geological Survey said. Indonesia's geophysics agency said the quake didn't have the potential to cause a tsunami.

The national disaster agency said one person was injured in Bali and 38 buildings including houses and a Mercure hotel had minor damage.

It posted photos on its Twitter account showing a damaged house and mosque in Banyuwangi in East Java and a damaged Hindu temple in Bali. Video showed damage to an ornate entranceway in Nusa Dua, an area of high-end resorts in Bali.

The main hospital in Denpasar evacuated patients, some attached to intravenous drips, to the hospital grounds, television video showed. Numerous schools and hotels were also evacuated. □



Balinese man stands near a damaged temple in Bali, Indonesia Tuesday, July 16, 2019.

Associated Press

Former Peruvian president Alejandro Toledo arrested in US

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Former Peruvian President Alejandro Toledo, who faces corruption charges in his homeland, was arrested in the United States following an extradition request, U.S. and Peruvian authorities said Tuesday.

The U.S. Marshals Service arrested Toledo and he appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Thomas S. Hixson in Northern California, the U.S. Justice Department said. He was ordered held in custody pending a hearing on Friday, according to department spokeswoman Nicole Navas.

Toledo's court appearance was "part of the process aimed at securing his return" to Peru, the attorney general's office in Peru said on Twitter.

The ex-president is wanted in his home country on ac-



In this April 7, 2011 file photo, then presidential candidate Alejandro Toledo takes part in a campaign rally in Lima, Peru.

Associated Press

cusations of taking \$20 million in bribes from Odebrecht, a Brazilian construction company at the center of Latin America's biggest

corruption scandal. Odebrecht has admitted to paying \$800 million to officials throughout the region in exchange for lucrative

public works contracts. Heriberto Benítez, Toledo's lawyer in Lima, told local radio station RPP that the defense will try to show that

the ex-president faces political persecution in Peru.

Toledo, who has denied wrongdoing, was Peru's president from 2001 to 2006 and has lived in California in recent years.

He had been a visiting scholar at Stanford University as recently as 2017, though the school has said it was an unpaid position.

In March, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office said Toledo was arrested on suspicion of public intoxication and was briefly detained.

The Odebrecht scandal also has tainted the careers of other former presidents in Peru who are under investigation.

In April, former leader Alan García mortally wounded himself with a gunshot to his head as officers waited to arrest him in a graft probe linked to the scandal. □

Brazil's top court halts probe of president's son

SAO PAULO (AP) — Brazil's top court said Tuesday it has suspended an investigation into the finances of President Jair Bolsonaro's son, saying the initial steps in the probe hadn't been

authorized by a judge. Rio de Janeiro prosecutors have been investigating 48 deposits made to Sen. Flávio Bolsonaro from his former driver Fabrício Queiroz in 2017.

But Supreme Court Chief Justice José Dias Toffoli ruled that the government's financial control agency should have gotten judicial authorization before handling data of the senator's

finances to investigators. The ruling is valid until Nov. 21, when a full court session is expected to examine the case. Flávio Bolsonaro denies any wrongdoing.

The far-right politician has said the series of small payments he received from Queiroz came from the sale of real estate and that he did not hide the transaction from authorities. □

Bukele defends Salvador on migration, crime, raps neighbors

By **MARCOS ALEMÁN**

Associated Press

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — El Salvador's new president said his country is trying to reduce irregular migration and fight crime and drug trafficking, and deserves to be treated differently than nearby countries.

In remarks late Monday, Nayib Bukele called on Washington not to lump his country in with Honduras and Guatemala, the other two nations that make up Central America's so-called Northern Triangle.

Honduras and Guatemala "have not been an example, to put it one way, and sometimes a region is punished for actions by governments in which we have no involvement," Bukele said. "I think it is a bit unfair," the president continued, say-



In this Feb. 3, 2019 file photo, newly-elected president of El Salvador Nayib Bukele addresses his supporters, in San Salvador, El Salvador.

Associated Press

ing his country interdicts three-quarters of drug shipments through its land and sea territory. "I believe that here in El Salvador crime is fought head-on, we fight drug trafficking head-on."

U.S. President Donald Trump has expressed frustration

over a wave of mostly Central American migrants and asylum seekers arriving at the U.S. border this year, fleeing poverty and violence in their home countries.

On Monday his administration said it would end asy-

lum protections for most of those people, deeming them ineligible if they do not apply for refuge in a transit country first.

The move stands to reverse decades of U.S. policy on asylum and greatly reduce the number of people able to make claims in the country, though it faces certain legal challenges.

Bukele noted that Hondurans and Guatemalans have greatly outnumbered Salvadorans arriving at the U.S. border.

"It is clear that while the issue of migration is a very serious one ... the great majority of emigrations are not being created by El Salvador but by Honduras and Guatemala," Bukele said.

He announced that officials are working to advocate for Salvadoran migrants detained at the U.S.

border and those already in the United States, and said in the coming days his government will launch several programs that aim to improve life conditions in El Salvador and ultimately reduce emigration.

Foreign Minister Alexandra Hill Tinoco was in Washington to meet with U.S. officials and also lobby for an extension to Temporary Protected Status for nearly 200,000 Salvadorans and their children living in the United States.

The program allows people from certain countries to live and work legally in the United States following disruptive events such as natural disasters or armed conflict. Washington has ended TPS protections for Salvadorans and people from several other countries in recent years. □

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To help cover the costs of Student lodgings Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds donates 25.000 florins to Aruba Symphony Festival

ORANJESTAD — Less than a week before the Inaugural Concert of the 2019 Symphony Festival, Nuevo Mundo Foundation, the organizers of the Festival, received the good news that the PBCCG (Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds Caraïbisch Gebied) will contribute with 25,000 Florins to help cover the costs of lodging a total of 74 students, who will be arriving on July 15th.

The higher costs are attributed to a significant increase in the number of students (16%) participating and a longer festival, which went from 8 days to 11 days. Both are good signs that the Festival is growing. The PBCCG is a sub-division of the Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds, a Dutch charitable organization whose main goal is to promote culture in Holland and Dutch territories. If you want to donate to the Aruba Symphony Festival, our bank account is at Aruba Bank, number 6011080190

The students are coming from 12 countries, as nearby as Venezuela and as far away as China. Many have been here before, but most of them are here for the first time. Among those returning is Daniela Perez the 14 year old Venezuelan winner of last year's students' competition. Among the students coming here for the first time is Juan Angel Moreno, a 12 years old cello player from Boyaca, Colombia. He started to play the cello when he was just 5! Here, they will get lessons from world renowned Horacio Contreras and Adam Liu.

The opening concert tonight will feature Tica Giel directing the children's choir of the Sta. Ana School in Noord and the women's choir "Den Harmonia". In addition to the Aruban national hymn, they will sing traditional songs by Aruban composers. Tica will sing Aruba, composed by Felix Manuel Gomes. Johnny Scharbaay will accompany all the singing on his guitar.

After a brief pause, Edith Peña, the world-renowned Venezuelan pianist will delight the audience with a rendition of W. A. Mozart's Variations on the theme "A, vous di-rai-je, maman!" C Major. KV 265. Following that, she will team up with Randolph Kelly, the principal violist of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra to play Frans Schubert's "Arpeggione" Sonata D.821. To close the evening's program Ms. Peña will be joined by Adam Liu, Chinese cellist professor at Duquesne University and assistant principal cellist of the Pittsburgh Symphony to play X Brahms's Cello Sonata No.1 Op.38. Edith



Peña was nominated for the Best Classical CD Latin Grammy in 2017. The Pittsburgh Symphony won a Grammy last year.

The 2019 Inaugural Concert takes place at Cas di Cultura tonight beginning at 8 PM. Admission is only \$20 for adults, 20 florins for youngsters up to 18 years old. Tickets can be purchased in advance at all bookstores, at the four Aruba Vision Center stores and at Cas di Cultura. Donations can be made to the Aruba Symphony Festival at Aruba Bank, account number 6011080190. More information can be found on www.symphonymfestivalaruba.com □





Hilton Appoints Vasco Baselli as General Manager of Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino

MCLEAN, Va. – Hilton (NYSE: HLT) announced the appointment of Vasco Baselli as general manager of the 357-room Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino. Baselli most recently served as general manager of the Hilton Lima Miraflores in Peru, where he oversaw the operation of this more than 200-room hotel, 13,000 sq. ft. of meeting space, and more than 200 team members.

Originally from Germany, Baselli is a more than 30-year hospitality industry veteran who started his career as a Line Cook Apprentice at the Inter-Continental Hotel Düsseldorf hotel in Germany. Over the course of more than three decades, Baselli developed his skills within the hospitality industry. His first 17 years focused on food and beverage operations at hotels in Germany, Venezuela, Malaysia, while the latter 10+ years saw Baselli

acting in general manager and area manager roles across Ecuador and Peru.

Most recently at Hilton Lima Miraflores, Baselli led the hotel successfully to receive numerous awards within Hilton in the Americas including 2018 Hotel of the Year (under 349 rooms), 2018 Award of Excellence and more. Individually, Baselli received Hilton's highest honors as the 2018 Leader of the Year (under 349 rooms) in the Americas region. Baselli brings an exceptional operations and food and beverage background, as well as a proven track record for driving guest and team member engagement, while ensuring positive, proactive owner relations. Given his proven leadership roles, he is excited about the new destination and ready to take on the Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino during its 60th anniversary year. □

Under One Sky: 100 years of Modern Astronomy



UNDER ONE SKY One Hundred Years of Modern Astronomy

ORANJESTAD — To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the International Astronomical Union (IAU) the Space and Nature Aruba Foundation will be presenting a lecture called "Under One Sky: 100 years of Modern Astronomy", at the University of Aruba.

In 2019, the International Astronomical Union (IAU) is celebrating its 100th anniversary. To commemorate this centenary milestone, the IAU has organized a year-long celebration (IAU100) to increase awareness of a century of astro-

nomical discoveries and to support the use of astronomy as a tool for education, development and diplomacy under the central theme "Under One Sky".

The goals of the IAU100 include increased awareness of progress and excitement in astronomy over the past century, to support and improve an inclusive, egalitarian and diverse astronomy community, and to increase awareness of exciting developments in the next 100 years of astronomy. Throughout 2019, thousands of activities for IAU100 are taking place at lo-

cal, regional, national and global scales in over 100 countries. This talk will give an overview of the last 100 years of astronomy and its implications for society-at-large.

Speaker

Pedro Rodrigues Dos Santos Russo is assistant professor of astronomy & society at Leiden Observatory and the department of Science Communication & Society and co-

ordinator of the Astronomy & Society group. Pedro is the president of the International Astronomical Union Commission on Communicating Astronomy with the Public. This event will take place on Wednesday July 17, 2019 at the University of Aruba from 7:30PM-10:30PM. For more information check out the facebook page Space and Nature Aruba Foundation. □



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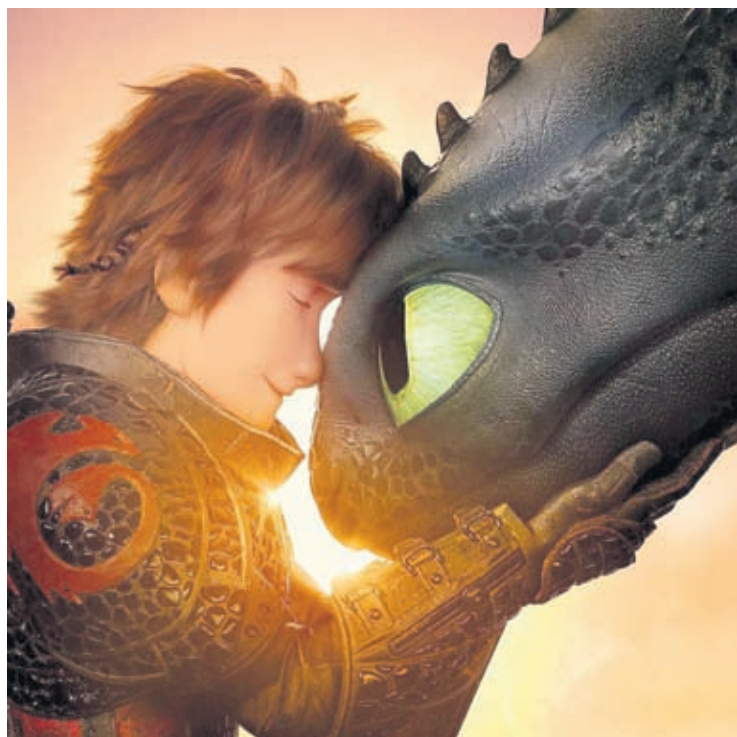
EAGLE BEACH —Recently, Marouska Heyliger had the great pleasure to honor Loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba as Distinguished Visitors at their home away from home. The certificate is a way to say "Masha Danki" and is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba between 10-20-35 and more consecutive years.

The honorees were Reginald Cummings from Florida and Alex Hernandez and Norma Torres from New Jersey, who received the honorary certificate of Distinguished Visitors for their 10th consecutive visit to Aruba. These lovely people stated that they love coming to the island for its hospitality and beautiful beaches.

Heyliger together with representatives of the Divi Tamarijn presented the certificate to the honorees, and handed over some additional presents, thanking them for choosing Aruba as their vacation destination and as their home away from home for so many years. □



Movie night at the National Library of Aruba



ORANJESTAD — The National Library of Aruba would like to invite you their weekly open air movie night at their location in San Nicolas and Oranjestad starting at 7PM.

During the month of July the National Library of Aruba will be holding an open air movie night. Every week a new movie will be showed. This will take place every Wednesday at the library in San Nicolas & every Thursday at the library in Oranjestad starting at 7PM. The movies that will be featured are 'How to train your dragon', 'Wonderpark' and 'Dumbo'.

About the movie

This week's movie is 'How to train your dragon'. What began as an unlikely friendship between an adolescent Viking and a fearsome Night Fury dragon has become an epic adventure spanning their lives.

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Towards a Caribbean research agenda

Science asks the opinion of Caribbean residents and institutions



ORANJESTAD —The Dutch Research Council (NWO) invites residents and organisations from the Caribbean islands of the Kingdom to submit their questions to science. NWO will use this information to draw up an agenda pinpointing the most important scientific and societal knowledge questions that will shape the direction of the research for the coming years.

For example, do we need more research into climate change or coral restoration? Is more knowledge required about the economic development of the islands? Which questions play a role in the field of education? What are the most urgent questions in the areas of nutrition and health?

With this initiative, NWO wants to

ensure that future research matches the current challenges and developments in the Caribbean region. 'We have deliberately decided to submit these questions to both organisations and residents; that will give a diverse picture', says Josef Stuefer, programme manager Caribbean Research at NWO.

Residents of the islands and employees of organisations on Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, St. Eustatius, St. Maarten and Saba can submit

their questions via the website CaribbeanResearch.nl until September 15TH 2019. The survey is available in three languages: Dutch, English and Papiamentu.

The information obtained will be linked to experiences from the existing NWO programme Caribbean Research and an inventory of current knowledge projects. Towards the end of 2019 this will result in a research agenda for the Caribbean part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. □



Today's Happening



A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba



Wednesday 17 Opening Concert Aruba Symphony Festival

- It's music to your ears. The Aruba Symphony Festival and Academy is an international event where every year, first-class musicians from around the globe make Aruba their destination. This will take place from July 17-July 27.
- Starts at 8:00PM
- Cas di Cultura (Aruba's House of Culture) Oranjestad
- www.arubasympphonyfestival.com



Sunday 21 Free Beginners Mindfulness Meditation

- As we all know meditation has many benefits. To find out it's good to take the first step. Meditation class by Buddhists Society of Aruba.
- From 5:00PM
- Bushiri Beach, Oranjestad
- Facebook: Buddhist Society of Aruba

Thursday 18 Scavenger Hunt at the Museum

- Explore our history at the Museum of Industry and the Community Museum and enjoy the amazing murals of the main street of San Nicolas. (takes place every Tue, Wed & Thu in the month of July)
- From 9:00AM – 12:00PM
- Museum of Industry, San Nicolas
- Facebook: Museum of Industry



Friday 19 Friday's just got Crazy

- Try your luck at Aruba's craziest Bingo. Live entertainment by local artist Francis Jacobs, local snacks and door prizes. Seats are limited so don't be late!!
- Starts at 8:00PM
- Eagle Aruba Resort & Casino
- Facebook: Eagle Aruba Resort & Casino

Monday 22

Joy of Aruba

- Joy of Aruba is performed at the Divi Divi Hotel by the Popcorn Dancers, one of Aruba's best Youth Dance Group. The performers will be presenting the most popular folkloric & modern music and dance of the island of Aruba. The Popcorn Dancers are determined to bring pleasure for your eyes, ears, heart & soul.
- From 8:30PM-9:30PM
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Saturday 20 Volunteers of RED CROSS Aruba !!! Sunset Tai Chi event

- Sunset Tai Chi session for all Red Cross volunteers, followed by social gathering with DJ music and massages
- From 6:30PM-9:00PM
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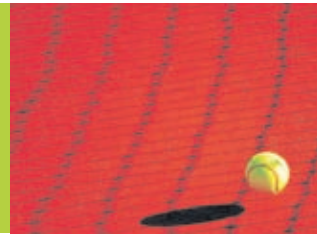


Tuesday 23

Aruba Ariba Celebration

- Join in on the celebration for the entire month of July. In honor of Aruba Ariba Day on July 1st and Hilton's 60th anniversary on July 18, we offer a "2 FOR 1" local special on Aruba Ariba's and Aruba Tini's, at all F&B outlets. FUN FACT: The iconic Aruba Ariba was created here by bartender Juan "Jocky" Tromp in 1963.
- From 11:00AM
- Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino
- Facebook: Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino

SPORTS



Tiger Woods of the United States hits a shot at the practice ground ahead of the start of the British Open golf championships at Royal Portrush in Northern Ireland, Tuesday, July 16, 2019. The British Open starts Thursday.

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Woods trying to get up to speed for final major of year

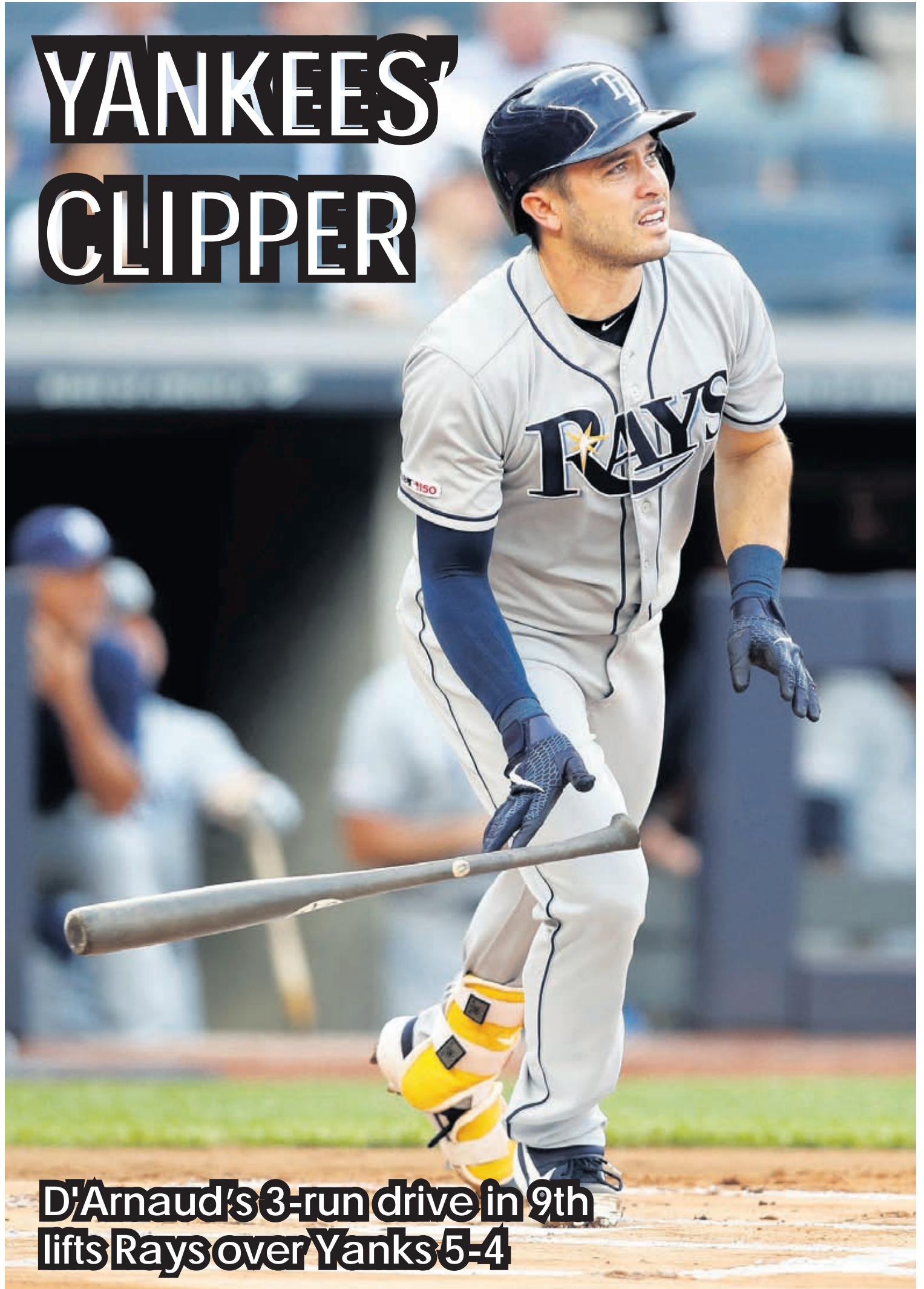
PORTRUSH, Northern Ireland (AP) — Tiger Woods was on the practice range when the gates at the British Open opened Tuesday, and before long he was on the tee and ready to go. He just didn't go for very long.

Woods played a full round at Royal Portrush when he arrived Sunday morning, and then again on Monday. For his third day of getting to know a links course that hasn't hosted the British Open in 68 years, Woods made it down No. 1 and then skipped over to the 13th and played the homestretch.

It would be simple to assume it was fatigue. After all, Woods hasn't competed since June 16 at the U.S. Open, and he has only 10 rounds under his belt since his victory in the Masters for his 15th career major.

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YANKEES' CLIPPER



D'Arnaud's 3-run drive in 9th lifts Rays over Yanks 5-4

Tampa Bay Rays' Travis d'Arnaud watches his solo home run during the first inning of a baseball game against the New York Yankees, Monday, July 15, 2019, in New York.

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WNBA suspends Riquna Williams 10 games for domestic violence

By DOUG FEINBERG

NEW YORK (AP) — Los Angeles Sparks guard Riquna Williams was suspended without pay by the WNBA on Tuesday for 10 games — nearly a third of the season — for a domestic violence incident.

Williams was arrested on April 29 and charged with two felony counts, one involving the assault of an individual with whom she was in a relationship and the other involving a threat to another person with a firearm. Her criminal case is ongoing.

The WNBA conducted its own investigation and consulted with a panel of experts in the field of domestic violence. Among other factors, the league said it took into account the nature and seriousness of the allegations, including the involvement of a gun. The WNBA also will require Williams to participate in counseling.

"As an organization, we abhor violence of any kind and specifically take domestic violence allegations very seriously," the Sparks said in a statement. "We will provide whatever resources we are allowed to help Riquna learn and grow from this unfortunate situation."

The union said they would file a grievance on Williams' behalf.

"We are disappointed with the league's actions. There is an ongoing criminal proceeding and in fairness to the player, the league could have and should have awaited its completion before taking any action," said Terri Jackson, executive director of the union.

"Riquna has not had a fair opportunity to fully defend herself. We are immediately filing a grievance and will seek the arbitrator's review."

The suspension, which surpassed the seven games given to Brittney Griner and Glory Johnson in 2015 for their domestic violence arrests, will begin with Thurs-

day's game against the Dallas Wings.

It's not the longest in league history: The WNBA dismissed Rhonda Mapp, who also played for Los Angeles, in 2003 for violating its drug policy. Mapp never returned after being suspended by the league for two years.

According to an arrest report, Williams forced her way inside a Florida home and repeatedly struck Alkeria Davis in the head and pulled her hair on Dec. 6. Two men told Palm Beach County sheriff's deputies they spent 10 minutes trying to break up the fight. When they finally separated the women, the 28-year-old

Williams grabbed a gun from her car, placed it on the trunk and pointed it at one man, saying "you'll get all 18" before speeding off, authorities said.

Davis said she and Williams had been together on and off for five years and had broken up a month earlier. She told authorities she thought Williams was jealous but had never been violent in the past.

Williams was booked on burglary and aggravated assault charges.

The Sparks signed her on May 15. The seventh-year player has started six games this season and is averaging 11.5 points. She had 23 points in Los Ange-



In this Thursday, Aug. 23, 201 file photo, Los Angeles Sparks guard Riquna Williams, right, dribbles against Washington Mystics guard Ariel Atkins (7) in the first half of a single elimination WNBA basketball playoff game in Washington.

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les' last game, an overtime win over Atlanta on Sunday.

Assuming she doesn't ap-

peal, Williams would return for the Sparks' final eight games, starting against the Indiana Fever on Aug. 22. □

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Los Angeles Dodgers' Alex Verdugo (27), Cody Bellinger (35) and Joc Pederson (31) celebrate after Verdugo's two-run home run off Philadelphia Phillies relief pitcher Yacksel Rios during the eighth inning of a baseball game, Monday, July 15, 2019, in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

By The Associated Press
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Cody Bellinger hit his 32nd and 33rd homers, Clayton Kershaw struck out seven in six innings and major league-leading Los Angeles routed Philadelphia.

Bellinger passed reigning NL MVP Christian Yelich for the MLB lead in homers. He clubbed solo shots in the fifth and sixth for his 11th career multi-homer game and fourth this season. Kershaw (8-2) gave up one run and four hits and retired 11 of the last 12 batters he faced.

Philadelphia's Zach Eflin (7-9) allowed seven runs and nine hits in six innings. After three relievers surrendered seven runs, Phillies manager Gabe Kapler brought in

outfielder Roman Quinn to finish the game.

Max Muncy hit a solo shot and Alex Verdugo hit a two-run homer for Los Angeles.

Scott Kingery homered for the Phillies.

GIANTS 19, ROCKIES 2, 1ST GAME

GIANTS 2, ROCKIES 1, 2ND GAME

DENVER (AP) — Brandon Crawford homered three times and drove in nine runs in two games as San Francisco swept Colorado in a day-night doubleheader. Crawford followed Stephen Vogt's homer off Chi Chi Gonzalez (0-2) leading off the fourth with one of his own. It was the second time on the day he was part of a back-to-back set.

In the first game, Crawford went 5 for 6 with two homers and tied a San Francisco team record with eight RBIs as the Giants scored a season high in runs in a 19-2 rout of the Rockies.

Dereck Rodriguez (4-5) pitched five innings and allowed one run on four hits. He struck out six and walked none and kept the Rockies in the yard during his outing. Will Smith got three outs for his 24th save. Mike Yastrzemski went 4 for 6 with a homer and Buster Posey also went deep for San Francisco in the first game in which the Rockies allowed the most runs ever in a game against the Giants.

REDS 6, CUBS 3

CHICAGO (AP) — Eugen-

Cody Bellinger hits 2 homers, Dodgers rout Phillies 16-2

io Suárez and Yasiel Puig each hit his 22nd home run of the season, and Cincinnati rallied past Chicago.

Jesse Winker raced home with an unearned go-ahead run to cap a two-run seventh inning that made a winner of All-Star Luis Castillo.

Curt Casali sent the first pitch from reliever Steve Cishek (2-5) in the seventh into the left-field bleachers to tie it at 3. Winker pinch-hit for Castillo and singled, then the Reds jumped on errors by two usually sure-handed Cubs infielders to take the lead.

Castillo (9-3) allowed three runs on seven hits and struck out 10 through six innings. Raisel Iglesias got five outs for his 17th save.

Kyle Schwarber hit his 20th home run and doubled. Jason Heyward came through with two more singles and an RBI for the Cubs.

BRAVES 4, BREWERS 2

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Freddie Freeman hit a three-run shot, his 25th home run of the season, and Max Fried pitched five scoreless innings as Atlanta beat Milwaukee.

The Braves won their fifth straight and moved a season-best 21 games over .500.

Fried (10-4) gave up three hits and struck out five on 78 pitches. Luke Jacksno pitched the ninth for his 17th save of the season.

Right-hander Adrian Houser (2-4) fell to 0-4 as a starter this season after allowing four earned runs on eight hits in six innings.

Milwaukee stranded seven baserunners and has dropped five of six and eight of 10 games.

Ryan Braun hit his 13th home run and Keston Hiura brought home the Brewers' other run with an RBI triple.

CARDINALS 7, PIRATES 0

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Miles Mikolas pitched a complete-game, eight-hitter and Tyler O'Neill hit a pair of two-run homers, leading St. Louis over Pittsburgh.

It was the first complete game this season and second overall for Mikolas (6-9). He struck out three and walked none while throwing 100 pitches.

St. Louis has won three in a row. O'Neill had his first career multi-homer game, and drove in four runs for the second time in the last three games. Joe Musgrove (6-8) gave up five runs and five hits in 4 2/3 innings. He struck out seven and walked three along with a hit batter. The Pirates have lost four straight. □

Cards put Carpenter on 10-day injured list with foot injury

By WARREN MAYES
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis Cardinals placed infielder Matt Carpenter on the 10-day injured list Tuesday with a right foot contusion.

The Cardinals announced the move before Tuesday's game against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"It's a pretty severe contusion on the very top of his foot," St. Louis manager Mike Shildt said.

"Our hope is he's down for just three, four or five days and get to a point where he can resume some base-

ball activity. Then, maybe go to a Memphis or Springfield and garner some at-bats, be back towards the 11th day (and) back up here."

Carpenter injured his foot in the seventh inning of Monday night's 7-0 win over the Pirates. He fouled a pitch off the top of his foot.

Carpenter tried to walk off the injury, but was forced to leave the game. With a 3-2 count, Tommy Edman finished Carpenter's at-bat and struck out.

The strikeout was credited to Carpenter.

"I've never not been able to finish an at-bat before, and I couldn't do it," Carpenter said. "Couldn't walk this morning. Pretty uncomfortable."

The teams said X-rays on the foot came back negative.

Carpenter explained what he has to do.

"Just got to wear this boot for four to five days and then hopefully the swelling and inflammation goes down and I can start doing what I need to do," Carpenter said. "They're optimistic it won't be more than

a week."

Carpenter is the seventh Cardinals player currently on the injured list, joining two notable regulars, catcher Yadier Molina and outfielder Marcell Ozuna. Carpenter is batting .215 with 10 homers and 29 RBIs. His move to the injured list comes just days after re-joining the Cardinals following the All-Star break. He had been out since June 29 with a lower back strain. He was activated on July 11.

St. Louis recalled 23-year-old rookie infielder Edmun-

do Sosa from Triple-A Memphis.

Sosa appeared in three games for the Cardinals last September, making his major league debut on Sept. 23, 2018, as a pinch-hitter.

He played one inning in the field following his promotion last season.

The right-handed batting Sosa was hitting .252 (78 for 309) with 10 home runs and 34 RBI in 83 games for Memphis this season, playing 49 games at shortstop, 17 at second base and 15 at third base. □

Travis d'Arnaud hits 3 HRs, Rays rally to beat Yanks 5-4

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Travis d'Arnaud hit three home runs, including a three-run shot with two outs in the ninth inning off Aroldis Chapman, and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the New York Yankees 5-4 on Monday night.

D'Arnaud tied a Tampa Bay record for homers in a game. It has been done five times, most recently by Evan Longoria in 2012.

The Yankees had been 49-0 this season when leading after eight innings. The Rays won for just the second time in seven games in the Bronx this year and cut the Yankees' lead in the AL East to five games.

Andrew Kittredge (1-0) got the win despite allowing Edwin Encarnacion's second homer of the game, a two-run shot in the eighth that put the Yankees up 4-2. Oliver Drake got one out for his first save.

Chapman (2-2) gave up a pair of singles to begin the ninth, struck out the next two batters and then was tagged for d'Arnaud's ninth homer of the season.

D'Arnaud led off the game with a homer to right field and hit another to a similar location in the third.

Gio Urshela also homered for the Yankees.

RED SOX 10, BLUE JAYS 8

BOSTON (AP) — Rookie Michael Chavis hit his first grand slam, Xander Bogaerts had three hits and Andrew Benintendi drove in three runs as Boston beat Toronto.

Boston batted around for

five runs in the first inning against starter Trent Thornton (3-7) and then sent 10 batters to the plate in the third, scoring five more.

Rick Porcello (7-7) gave up four runs and eight hits in six innings, striking out two. Brandon Workman pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

Four of the first five batters reached safely against Thornton before Chavis hit a 3-2 pitch 421 feet over the Green Monster in left-center to make it 5-0. It was his 16th homer, and the first grand slam of his career.

Billy McKinney hit a two-run homer for Toronto.

INDIANS 8, TIGERS 6

CLEVELAND (AP) — Oscar Mercado hit his second home run of the game — a leadoff blast in the seventh inning — and Cleveland beat Detroit.

Mercado homered into the bleachers in left field off Victor Alcántara (3-2) to break a 5-all tie. Mercado also hit a solo home run off Detroit starter Daniel Norris in the fifth. Mike Freeman had a two-run shot in the second.

The Indians have won nine of 10 against the Tigers this season, including eight in a row.

The game was delayed for 54 minutes in the top of the seventh by heavy rain and strong winds.

Jordy Mercer homered twice, and Jeimer Candelario and Christin Stewart also went deep for Detroit. Brad Hand picked up his 25th save in 26 chances.

ROYALS 5, WHITE SOX 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) —



Tampa Bay Rays' third base coach Rodney Linares, left, congratulates Travis d'Arnaud after d'Arnaud hit a three-run home run off New York Yankees' closer Aroldis Chapman during the ninth inning of a baseball game, Monday, July 15, 2019, in New York.

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Jakob Junis struck out a career-high 10 and Nicky Lopez drove in a pair of runs and scored twice as Kansas City beat Chicago.

The Royals beat Lucas Giolito for the first time and thwarted his bid for a 12th victory. The right-hander entered the game 6-0 with a 2.13 ERA in 10 previous career starts against Kansas City.

Junis (5-8) worked seven innings and gave up one run, James McCann's 10th homer of the season.

Whit Merrifield extended his hitting streak to 13 games (.358, 19 for 53) with a bunt

single in the seventh. He leads the majors with 122 hits.

Giolito (11-4) was removed after the six innings and 94 pitches.

Royals closer Ian Kennedy worked a scoreless ninth for his 14th save in 17 chances.

ANGELS 9, ASTROS 6

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Albert Pujols got three hits and drove in three runs, and Los Angeles remained unbeaten since the All-Star break with a victory over AL West-leading Houston.

Mike Trout didn't play due to a strained right calf. Pujols had his first three-hit game

since May 13. Andrelton Simmons also homered as the Angels rallied from an early three-run deficit.

Pujols had an RBI double in the fourth, a two-run single in a four-run fifth, and scored twice.

George Springer hit two homers for the Astros, who have lost three of five.

Los Angeles rookie Griffin Canning walked six and threw four wild pitches while getting just four outs. Five relievers combined for 7 2/3 resilient innings. Justin Anderson (3-0) got the win, and Hansel Robles secured his 14th save. □

As Cron, Rosario return, Twins put Buxton on concussion list

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The latest improbable catch by Byron Buxton caused a face-first crash into the grass, another painful highlight-reel grab for the Minnesota center fielder.

Unlike the all-out defense that Buxton normally puts on display, the Twins were more than willing to play it safe with this injury.

Buxton was placed on the seven-day injured list for players with concussion-

like symptoms, just as first baseman C.J. Cron and left fielder Eddie Rosario returned from their injuries. The Twins also designated right-handed reliever Mike Morin for release or assignment Tuesday before their series opener against the New York Mets.

"We're not going to mess around, really, in any way," manager Rocco Baldelli said. "This is serious stuff. The health of Buck is obviously

the most important thing. I think it's something that is already resolving itself in some ways, but something where I think this is the right move." Buxton was hurt Saturday during his head-first, diving catch of a sinking line drive during a critical win at main division competitor Cleveland, forcing him out of the game in the eighth inning. Buxton, who was sidelined for 13 games last month with a bruised right

wrist, has had his promising career so far stunted by a variety of injuries, in part due to the speedster's fearless style in the outfield and on the bases. Buxton was announced Tuesday as the team's annual winner of the Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association's Heart and Hustle Award.

"He hit the ground pretty hard, and this isn't any sort of light injury," Baldelli said. "He didn't graze anything.

He made a great play and hit the ground, and he gives his body up for this team every single night that he takes the field." Morin had a 3.18 ERA in 23 appearances after being invited to spring training on a minor league contract. His somewhat surprising removal from the roster could be the precursor to the addition of a reliever or two on the trade market over the next two weeks. □



Tiger Woods of the US on the 18th green during preview day three ahead of the 148th Open Golf Championship, in Portrush, Northern Ireland, Tuesday, July 16, 2019.

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TIGER WOODS

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In this case, no one wants to overdo it at a major, so this was nothing out of the ordinary.

Then again, very little is ordinary with golf's biggest star these days.

When asked if there was anything physically bothering him outside the norm, Woods smiled and said, "Anything outside the norm." The laughter made it hard to hear him say, "No." His chances at the British Open are nearly as mysterious as Royal Portrush.

Even at age 43, with four knee surgeries and, more recently, more back surgeries behind him, he showed how capable he was against a young generation of talent by winning at Augusta National with smart, strategic golf to overcome a two-shot deficit and win a fifth green jacket.

It's everything since then that speaks to his outlook on golf.

He took a month off to recover emotionally and physically from his taxing win at the Masters, only to miss the cut at the PGA Championship. He played the Memorial and then the U.S. Open, and then he was off to Thailand for a family holiday before returning home to Florida. At this rate, he'll play no more than 14 times in the PGA Tour season, though he still has a few events overseas

at the end of the year.

This is the new norm.

Woods played plenty last year trying to get back inside the top 50 in the world — he now is up to No. 5 — to become eligible for World Golf Championships he once took for granted. It led to more golf than he wanted to play.

"So this year I made a conscious effort to cut back on my schedule to make sure that I don't play too much," he said. "I want to play here as long as I possibly can. And you have to understand, if I play a lot, I won't be out here that long."

The trick now is to figure out how much he needs to compete in tournaments to be ready, and listening to his body.

And still to be determined is what kind of weather — the wind, in particular — Woods and the rest of the players will see. The wind has not been the prevailing direction for two days of practice, and it hasn't been much wind at all.

The forecast? Take a pick. One bulletin provided by the R&A said the tournament days would feature "changeable conditions continuing with showers or longer spells of rain interspersed with drier and brighter interludes." It concluded by saying, "Confidence low in any details at this stage."

That was about as clear as picking who stands the best chance at Royal Por-

trush.

Woods sees it as other links courses, where power can be equalized by control. Darren Clarke, who forged his game on these links as a junior, felt the same way. He even pointed to a 6-foot wide swath of fairway on a slope at the 17th that would send the ball down toward the green. Now that's control.

U.S. Open champion Gary Woodland sees it differently.

"The last couple of days, power has been a huge deal," Woodland said. "I've hit a lot of drivers."

He played with Matt Kuchar and Zach Johnson on Monday — it would be exaggerating to say Woodland can hit it longer than their drives combined, but not much — and he found a "huge advantage" by being able to send it a long way in the air.

Woods used as references Greg Norman and Tom Watson, two former British Open champions who nearly won in their 50s because length is not as paramount at Augusta National or the other two U.S. majors. Norman was 53 (and still on his honeymoon with ex-wife Chris Evert) when he had the 54-hole lead at Royal Birkdale in 2008. A year later, a 59-year-old Watson was an 8-foot putt away from winning at Turnberry.

He lost in a playoff.

Woods isn't that old. □



Florian Wellbrock of Germany touches the timing board to win the men's 10km open water swim at the World Swimming Championships in Yeosu, South Korea, Tuesday, July 16, 2019.

Photo finish decides 10k open water race at world titles

GWANGJU, South Korea (AP) — After 10 kilometers of open-water swimming in the sea, world championship organizers needed a photo finish to determine the winner of the Olympic qualifier on Tuesday.

Florian Wellbrock of Germany edged France's Marc-Antoine Olivier by two-tenths of a second to take the gold medal. The 21-year-old Wellbrock finished in 1 hour, 47 minutes, 55.90 seconds, shading Olivier at the finish.

Another German swimmer, Rob Muffels, earned bronze in 1:47.57.40.

Wellbrock and Olivier were locked in a two-man race for the gold medal in a final 200-meter sprint to the finish line. The group in close pursuit included Muffels, who used his experience to emerge from that tight bunch to finish third.

Wellbrock was the race and pace leader for much of the event. The few times that he was not leading he was in the top three and dropped back to sixth only briefly to conserve his energy for the final sprint.

"I believe that working together with Rob and also training at altitude helped

both of us," Wellbrock said. "I admit that it's a big and also a hard step to be on the podium next year in Tokyo, but with hard work it may be possible."

Wellbrock said he plans to also swim in two pool events at Tokyo, including the 1,500-meter race.

Hungarian swimmer Kristof Rasovszky, who won the 5-kilometer race on Saturday, was fourth in 1:47.59.50 and American Jordan Wilimovsky, who won silver at the last world titles, was fifth in a time of 1:48.01.00.

The top 10 finishers in the race earned spots for their countries in next year's 10-kilometer race at the Tokyo Olympics.

Defending world and Olympic champion Ferry Weertman of the Netherlands faded to seventh, six seconds behind Wellbrock, but will still have a chance to defend a title next year in Tokyo.

The open water races continue Wednesday with the women's 5-kilometer race, followed by the 5-kilometer team relay on Thursday and the 25-kilometer races for men and women on Friday. All are non-Olympic events. □

Technology beating romanticism at Tour de France

By SAMUEL PETREQUIN

AP Sports Writer

ALBI, France (AP) — With all the technology stacked against them, the six break-away riders at the Tour de France had no hope of making it to the finish without being caught.

Race directors were watching their every move on TV screens set up in their cars, and rival competitors riding behind were informed in instant time of the gap through earpieces. It was a day for a bunch sprint, and it could not be any different.

At the Tour, long gone are the days when bold riders would launch long-range attacks and foil the sprinters at the finish line. The sport has changed so much in the space of 20 years that, on the many long and flat stages peppering the three-week racing program, breakaways have nearly no chance of succeeding. "A stage victory in the style of Jacky Durand or Thierry Marie? It's nearly impossible on Grands Tours, and even more at the Tour de France," Arkea Samsic team manager Emmanuel Hubert told The Associated Press.

Hubert, a former pro rider, mentioned Durand and Marie, two riders who epitomized the idea of panache. In the 1980s and '90s, both were capable of launching long-range victorious rides that made them fan favorites.

Such long-haul trips still take place nowadays, but they are almost never rewarded.

Take the six who spent Monday at the front of the pack in the southwestern Aveyron region. If they had any hopes of reaching Albi ahead of the pack, they quickly found out their grand day out would not feature a happy ending.

There were four climbs on the day's program, but the flat finale gave sprinters a golden opportunity to get a stage win. Tony Gallopin, Michael Schär, Natnael Berhane, Anthony Turgis, Mads Würtz Schmidt and Odd Christian Eiking moved away from the pack soon



In this slow motion picture a rider pedals in the pack during the tenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 217 kilometers (135 miles) with start in Saint-Flour and finish in Albi, France, Monday, July 15, 2019.

after the start. With none of them a threat in the general classification, the peloton was happy to let them go.

But once their lead reached three minutes, the fugitives were kept on a tight leash, with sprinters' teams speeding up the pace at the front of the pack to make sure they would not open a gap too difficult to bridge later in the stage.

A classic scenario then developed. Using all the data available to determine the right time to move, sprinters' teams organized the chase about 50 kilometers from the finish to rein in the audacious group.

"There is so much at stake for the sprinters' team," Cofidis manager Alain Deloeil told the AP. "For them it's nearly a professional mistake if, on a flat stage, they don't bring back the break-

away. They need to set up a sprint for their fast man." These scenarios, which also affect racing in the mountains, are a real problem for organizers who need to maintain the excitement over a three-week period. At a closed-door meeting before the race started, Tour director Christian Prudhomme urged riders to be more audacious in their strategies after a somewhat boring start to the race last year.

Deloeil and Prudhomme are nostalgic for an era when ear pieces and power meters were words still to be invented. They believe riders don't use their instinct anymore, with their eyes glued to screens determining whether they should attack or chase down fugitives.

Team Ineos, the former Team Sky, often relies on

data from power meters — the small devices fitted to riders' bikes measuring their power output — when tackling climbs. It's a strategy that produced five Tour victories with three different riders since 2012.

Prudhomme would like to see restrictions on power meters.

"Riders should not have permanent access to their data," Prudhomme told the AP. "In days gone by, Fausto Coppi used to attack Gino Bartali when he noticed the little blue vein coming out on his rival's leg. It was a sign that Bartali was getting tired. And Bernard Hinault waited until Joop Zoetemelk's leg moved aside, because it meant he was tired. And that was the moment Bernard chose to attack."

According to Prudhomme, banning power me-

ters would add a refreshing dose of romanticism to a sport heavily relying on data.

"If riders could not read their power meters, there would be more emotions," he said. "But obviously the biggest teams don't want that."

Stephane Rossetto, a Tour rookie who twice tried his luck over the past 10 days in long unsuccessful breakaways, said many competitors are too conservative in their approach.

"That's modern cycling, and we need to adapt," the 32-year-old said. "Many riders are just looking at their power meter and don't go beyond a certain limit. And with ear pieces, we get the gaps in real time. There is not much room for surprise. Me, I never look at my power meter."

Luke Rowe, a teammate of defending champion Geraint Thomas at Ineos, hit back at Prudhomme's remarks.

"He is living in the Stone Age with comments like that," Rowe said. "I can tell you, from a guy who spends a lot of time riding on the front, you don't ride on power. You ride on feel, you ride on who is in the break, how far ahead they are, on wind direction, terrain. You take all these factors into consideration to see how you are going to ride. You don't stare at power meters."

Boosting Rowe's case, it was the good positioning of Ineos riders at the front of the pack — and not technology — that allowed them to gain around 100 seconds on three dangerous rivals when crosswinds played havoc in the finale of Monday stage.



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Dr. Carlos Viana

Imagine receiving a letter addressed to you that had a return address with your grandmother's name on it. The letter is remarkable because your grandmother passed on before you were born. Would you be motivated to open and read the letter? There are people who would find this situation too weird and would be afraid to open the letter. Other people, intrigued would want to know what one of their ancestors had to say to them to them and immediately rip it open. Still others would open the envelope very slowly, being caught between fear, excitement and wanting the experience to last. Dreams are like this. Dreams are a clear indication that the sleeping brain is working on information about your body, mind and spirit, including ways that will directly improve your life quality; if you listen.

In our clinic, I often discuss dreams with patients during their healing process. People come to clinic because they have symptoms that could include, pain, dizziness, numbness, lightheadedness, fatigue, ringing ears, depression, problems sleeping and difficulties relating to sex. A symptom is a "feeling" that only the person in that body can describe. Symptoms could come with signs that can be seen or measured, such as fluctuations in breathing or heart rate, instability in walking, pale skin, facial expression changes. Symptoms or Signs could both indi-

cate the presence of disease or abnormality. Symptoms, like dreams are letters or messages from our subconscious and unconscious mind, telling us something is different. If the message is something our conscious mind doesn't want to hear or "deal with", we try to ignore, cover up or "kill" it. Sigmund Freud, one of the developers of psychotherapy considered shooting the messenger a classic case of denial of what is distressing or unbearable. In 1482, the fortress town, Alhama was taken from the Moorish Sultanate Boabdil by the Catholic Monarchs. When King Boabdil received the news of the fall of his city, he felt that the loss meant the end of his rule. But he could not "let it be true"...."He threw the letters in the fire and killed the messenger". Did that change the facts?

Similarly many people do not want to listen to their dreams. Frightened by a dream with a death theme, they take painkillers, sleeping pills or alcohol to forget convinced the death dream is prophesying bad things to come. In fact a death in the dream of a young adult is a message that the youth is "dying" to allow the adult to be "born" in the same body. Symbolically, you as a baby had to die so the child could be born, then the child had to die so the teenager could evolve, then the student must die and a working adult, who can start taking care of them self is emerges. Overwhelmingly, cultural myths honor the butterfly as a symbol of transformation because of its impressive process of metamorphosis. Interestingly, in many cultures the butterfly is also associated with the soul. As we mature and take more responsibility for our own lives, our soul evolves.

Dreams and symptoms, as messages are not good or bad. During times of crisis and trauma, as well as transition, beginning or ending a relationship, facing illness, changing jobs, leaving home, dealing with loss, all stressful occurrences, and dreams can be a valuable resource for problem solving. Actively working at learning how to better understand your dreams and symptoms will enhance your ability to interpret your inner feelings and resolve major challenges, turning the difficult passages of life into opportunities for growth and success.

In our clinic, instead of covering up symptoms, our patients embark on a journey with me to identify the source of their problems. I show

them through standard and cutting edge science where their physical risks are. I then offer choices for eliminating toxins. This is the first step of my 3 step protocol to good health. We then, teach you to nourish your body in the healthiest way available. Step 3 includes balancing all aspects of your life, not only your body, but also your mind and spirit. Our bodies are complex and each aspect is not separate, but part of the "Whole".

Some say, that I am a master at reading not only signs, but also "hidden symptoms." There is no secret to this. I have spent many years studying body chemistry including evaluating medical tests and physical signs. My logical or left brain and training gives me tools to quickly analyze this information. However, my creative or "right" brain allows me to reach deeper not only listening to my own messages, but "tuning-in" to symptoms or feelings of those around me. I then use this information to find answers to cases or problems in my work or life. Dream work is a way of tapping into these unconscious or hidden secrets.

There are different paths to understanding our dreams, which come from our unconscious, physical science; where it is possible to measure brain activity, psychology; the most famous still used today are Freud and Jung, or superstition; "Dreams are dangerous" or Dream books. Dispelling the myths and learning to developing the communication skills with our "unconscious" or hidden brain and our conscious or waking brain, should not be feared. It allows us to understand our whole selves better, therefore grow and heal.

Get The Point! A letter from grandparent could contain valuable genetic information about your family's health. Information you and your doctor can use to help prevent potential illnesses. Similarly, you symptoms are vitally important to identify any potential problems that could be developing. The process you go through to heal your body and mind enriches and evolves your soul. Dreams show us what our soul wants. Call us for Dream counseling or to help with unwanted symptom relief. We can help your butterfly transform to its greatest potential. DREAMS: THE HIDDEN SECRETS TO ABUNDANCE - a 4 week workshop starting Wed., 07 Nov, call for reservations.☐

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Millennial Money: Credit score up? Build credit smarts, too

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Associated Press

Well done, America. Credit scores across the nation are going up.

On the other hand, knowledge of how credit works is declining.

Consumers' grasp of credit is the lowest it's been in eight years, according to an annual survey by credit scoring company VantageScore and the Consumer Federation of America, a nonprofit association of consumer groups. For example, 62% of those surveyed this year knew that everyone has more than one credit score. In 2012, 78% knew that.

More people rated their own knowledge highly despite knowing less. In an era when free credit scores and reports are plentiful, this is perhaps not surprising. The share of respondents who



This June 10, 2015, file photo shows chip credit cards in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

called their credit knowledge "excellent" or "good" was 60% in 2019, up from 54% in 2012.

Millennials were a little more modest. Only 56% of

those ages 21 to 38 rated their knowledge as "excellent" or "good," compared to 61% of people ages 39-54 and 65% of those 55-73.

WHY CREDIT SCORES ARE

GOING UP

The average FICO score last year was 704, according to FICO, continuing a steady rise from a low of 686 in 2009 during the

Great Recession. The average VantageScore — FICO's competitor — was 680, continuing to climb but not yet as high as the 685 seen in 2008.

Factors such as a large-scale economic recovery, low unemployment and consumers' confidence in their own finances contributed to higher scores, says Rod Griffin, director of consumer education and awareness at Experian.

Of course, consumers being more careful with money since the financial downturn also played a part, Griffin says. Also, millions of people experienced a score bump over the past two years as the three major credit bureaus — Experian, Equifax and TransUnion — stopped including some negative marks on credit reports, including tax liens, civil judgments and some types of collections. □

US stocks flatten as earnings reports ramp up

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks flattened in morning trading as investors assessed a mixed bag of corporate earnings and economic reports.

Technology companies fared the worst, with the heaviest declines coming from chipmakers. Intel fell 1.2% and Texas Instruments fell 1.3%. Johnson & Johnson led health care stocks lower, despite topping Wall Street's financial forecasts. Energy companies also fell broadly.

A surprisingly good retail sales report for June had little impact on consumer product makers, though it did help push bond prices lower. The yield on the 10-

year Treasury rose to 2.13%. Industrial companies fared the best. Union Pacific rose 2% and FedEx rose 2.5%. Financial stocks also rose broadly, with Goldman Sachs rising 2.4% following a solid second quarter earnings report.

The latest round of corporate financial reports ramps up this week and investors have low expectations. Wall Street is forecasting a 3% drop in profit for S&P 500 companies. It is set to be the first back-to-back quarterly decline in three years. The influx of earnings reports are coming in ahead of a highly anticipated Federal Reserve meeting at the end of the month. Wall

Street expects the central bank to raise interest rates to help secure U.S. economic growth threatened by a trade war with China.

KEEPING SCORE: The S&P 500 index fell less than 1% as of 11:05 a.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 27 points, or 0.1%, to 27,386. The Nasdaq composite fell slightly.

SOUR DOUGH: Domino's Pizza fell 6.2% after the

pizza chain fell far short of Wall Street forecasts for a key sales measure during the second quarter. The company reported a 3% increase in sales at established locations while analysts had forecast a 4.6% increase.

SHOCKING FORECAST: Arrow Electronics fell 3.8% after the company slashed its profit forecast for the second quarter because of

weak demand. The electronics company also said it will close a unit that focuses on disposing of personal computers and other technology.

BURGER BOOST: Blue Apron jumped 23.8% after the meal-kit company said it will start offering recipes with Beyond Meat's plant-based food. The company will start offering the options in August. □

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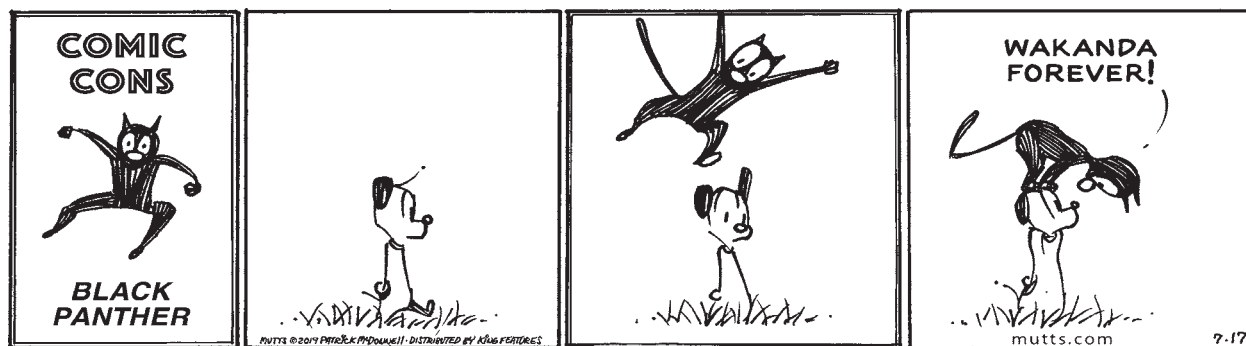
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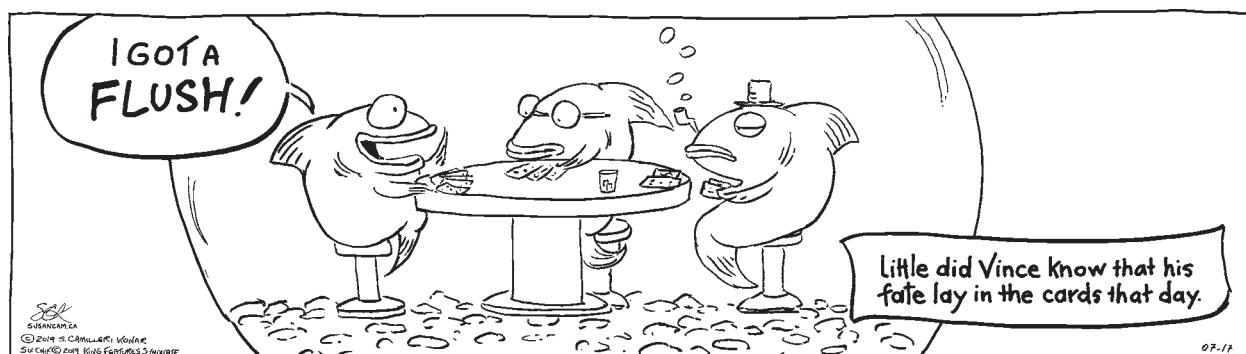
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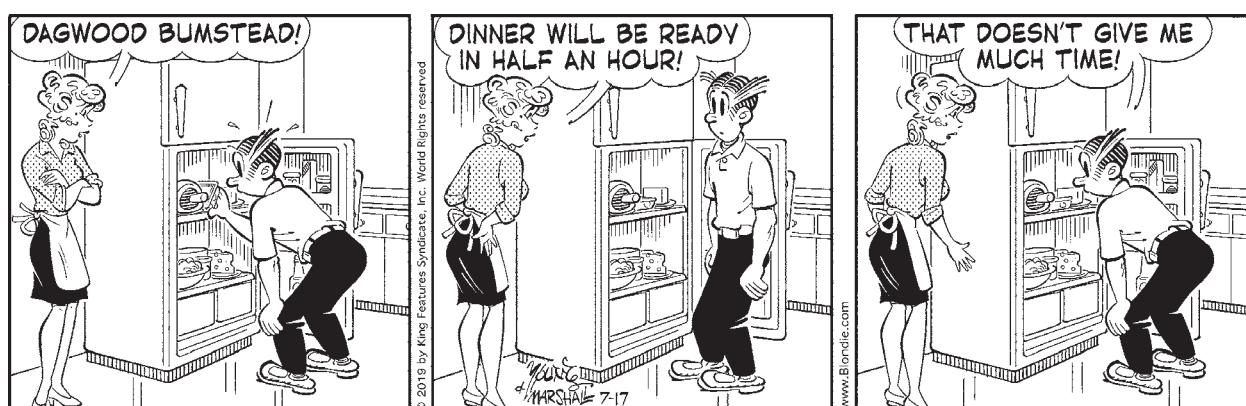
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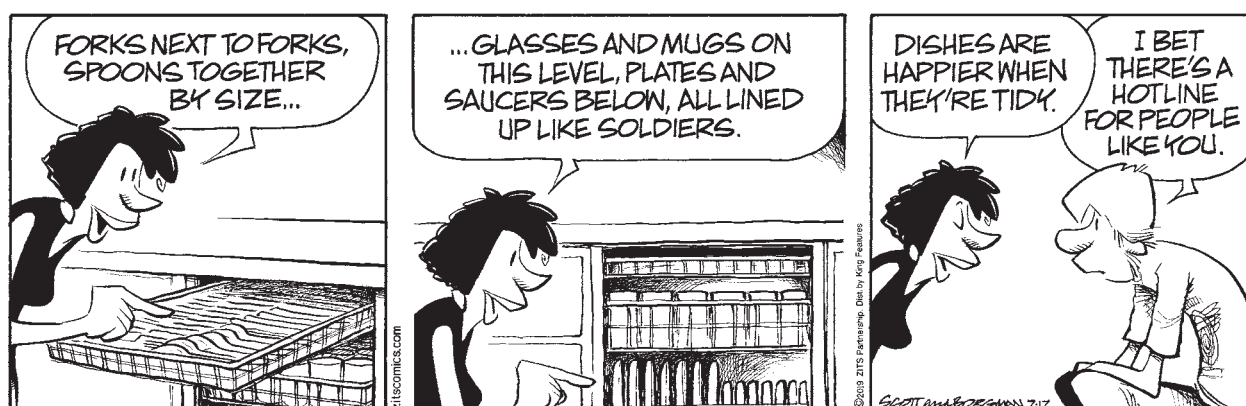
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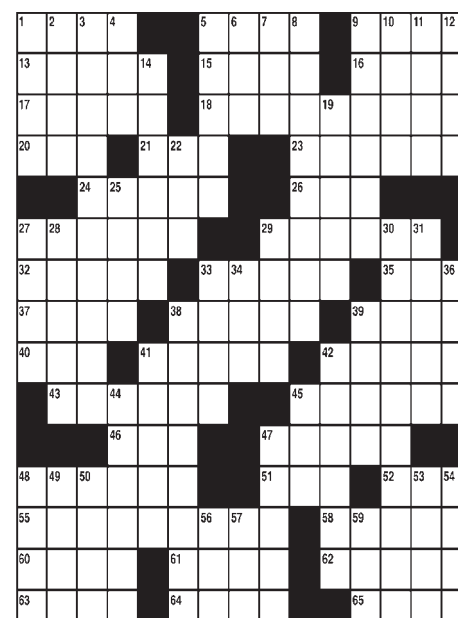
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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8	1	3	2	4	9	7	5	6
4	9	6	5	7	3	1	8	2
7	5	2	8	1	6	4	3	9

ACROSS

- 1 Baby bed
- 5 Jokes
- 9 ___ suey; Chinese restaurant dish
- 13 Type of eclipse
- 15 Street uprising
- 16 Lois ___; Clark Kent's love
- 17 TV's "___ World Turns"
- 18 Sassiness
- 20 Sorority letter
- 21 Sewing aid
- 23 Ma or Bob
- 24 ___ and groans; complains
- 26 Mammoth
- 27 Unimportant details
- 29 Hydras
- 32 Passenger
- 33 Meghan Markle's hubby
- 35 Holbrook or Linden
- 37 Simile middle
- 38 Two points
- 39 Salad cheese
- 40 Animal in the house
- 41 Gifts for little girls
- 42 Hysterical fright
- 43 Bring around
- 45 Royal seat
- 46 Small number
- 47 Provide with fresh guns
- 48 Yell
- 51 Koch & Marinaro
- 52 File drawer, perhaps
- 55 Too muffled to be heard
- 58 "Sesame Street" character
- 60 Low
- 61 Cozy corner
- 62 Dispensed
- 63 Jekyll's alter ego
- 64 Spaces; openings
- 65 Wingless insect



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4 "___! Humbug!"

- 5 Happy expressions
- 6 "Ready, __, fire!"
- 7 DDE's party
- 8 Hardheaded
- 9 Bishops & pastors
- 10 Aaron or Azaria
- 11 Storybook start
- 12 One's equal
- 14 Fix
- 19 "Chicago Tribune," for one
- 22 ___ flash; instantly
- 25 Pizza place
- 27 Pittall
- 28 Early __; one up at dawn
- 29 Old hands
- 30 Outstanding
- 31 Coat lining fabric
- 33 Golfer's target
- 34 "___ in a day's work"
- 36 Frilly trimming
- 38 Blanketing
- 39 "Mash" star
- 41 Ate

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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CLAP	AGREE	ALSO
PROTRUDED	SETS	
NOSE	LIE	
PRAGER	GRINDING	
RARER	FLANK	CUR
OVER	SLANG	TIDE
BEN	MOUNT	LUNGE
ENAMORED	TARGET	
ABC	DISK	
EBBS	ESSENTIAL	
LEAK	RILLS	SWAN
MADE	ELATE	HATE
SUED	ROYAL	YET

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DOWN

- 1 What fans do
- 2 Hurry
- 3 Frighten; cow

- 42 ___ out; got rid of gradually
- 44 One book from a set
- 45 Rose Kennedy's youngest
- 47 Has a strong odor
- 48 "___ Noon"; Gary Cooper film
- 49 In name ___; nominally
- 50 Praise
- 53 Dossier
- 54 ___ kick out of; enjoy
- 56 Deadly reptile
- 57 ___ off; sever
- 59 Game caller

Florida expert captures elusive alligator at Chicago lagoon

By DON BABWIN
Associated Press
CHICAGO (AP) — The alligator had a good run as day after day the people hunting for him in a Chicago lagoon came up empty, but in the end he was no match for an expert the city shipped in from Florida. The male gator, nicknamed 'Chance the Snapper,' was first spotted in the Humboldt Park lagoon about a week ago. After local enthusiasts tried and failed to trap the reptile, Frank Robb arrived from St. Augustine on Sunday. By early Tuesday, he had caught the 5 foot 3 inch animal using something that even cartoon alligators know to avoid: a fishing pole. □

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Apollo 11 astronaut returns to launch pad 50 years later

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

(AP) — Apollo 11 astronaut Michael Collins returned Tuesday to the exact spot where he flew to the moon 50 years ago with Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin.

Collins had the spotlight to himself this time — Armstrong has been gone for seven years and Aldrin canceled. Collins said he wished his two moonwalking colleagues could have shared the moment at Kennedy Space Center's Launch Complex 39A, the departure point for humanity's first moon landing.

"Wonderful feeling to be back," the 88-year-old command module pilot said on NASA TV. "There's a difference this time. I want to turn and ask Neil a question and maybe tell Buzz Aldrin something, and of course, I'm here by myself."

At NASA's invitation, Collins marked the precise moment — 9:32 a.m. on July 16, 1969 — that the Saturn V rocket blasted off. He was seated at the base of the pad alongside Kennedy's director, Robert Cabana, a former space shuttle commander.

Collins recalled the tension surrounding the crew that day.

"Apollo 11 ... was serious business. We, crew, felt the weight of the world on our shoulders. We knew that everyone would be looking at us, friend or foe, and we wanted to do the best we possibly could," he said.

Collins remained in lunar orbit, tending to Columbia, the mother ship, while Armstrong and Aldrin landed in the Eagle on July 20, 1969, and spent 2 ½ hours walking the gray, dusty lunar surface.

A reunion Tuesday at the Kennedy firing room by past and present launch con-



In this Tuesday, July 16, 2019 photo made available by NASA, astronaut Michael Collins, right, speaks to Kennedy Space Center Director Bob Cabana at Launch Complex 39A, about the moments leading up to launch at 9:32 a.m. on July 16, 1969, and what it was like to be part of the first mission to land on the moon.

Associated Press

trollers — and Collins' return to the pad, now leased to SpaceX — kicked off a week of celebrations marking each day of Apollo 11's eight-day voyage.

In Huntsville, Alabama, where the Saturn V was developed, some 4,900 model rockets lifted off simultaneously, commemorating the moment the Apollo 11 crew blasted off for the moon. More than 1,000 youngsters attending Space Camp counted down ... "5, 4, 3, 2, 1!" — and cheered as the red, white and blue rockets created a gray cloud, at least for a few moments, in the sky.

The U.S. Space and Rocket Center was shooting for an altitude of at least 100 feet (30 meters) in order to set a new Guinness Book of World Records. Apollo 15 astronaut Al Worden helped with the mass launching. Also present: all three children of German-born rocket genius Wer-

ner von Braun, who masterminded the Saturn V.

"This was a blast. This was an absolute blast," said spectator Scott Hayek of Ellicott City, Maryland. "And, you know, what a tribute - and, a visceral tribute - to see the rockets going off."

Another spectator, Karin Wise, of Jonesboro, Georgia, was 19 during Apollo 11 and recalled being glued to TV coverage.

"So, to bring my grandchildren here for the 50 anniversary, was so special," she said. "I hope they're around for the 100th anniversary."

At the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum in Washington, the spacesuit that Armstrong wore went back on display in mint condition, complete with lunar dust left on the suit's knees, thighs and elbows. On hand for the unveiling were Vice President Mike Pence, NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine and Armstrong's older son, Rick. Armstrong died in 2012.

A fundraising campaign took just five days to raise the \$500,000 needed for the restoration. It was taken off display 13 years ago because it was deteriorating, said museum curator Cathleen Lewis. It took four years to rehab it.

Calling Armstrong a hero, Pence said "the American

people express their gratitude by preserving this symbol of courage."

Back at Kennedy, NASA televised original launch video of Apollo 11, timed down to the second. Then Cabana turned his conversation with Collins to NASA's next moonshot program, Artemis, named after the twin sister of Greek mythology's Apollo. It seeks to put the first woman and next man on the lunar surface — the moon's south pole — by 2024. President John F. Kennedy's challenge to put a man on the moon by the end of 1969 took eight years to achieve.

Collins said he likes the name Artemis and, even more, likes the concept behind Artemis.

"But I don't want to go back to the moon," Collins told Cabana. "I want to go direct to Mars. I call it the JFK Mars Express."

Collins noted that the moon-first crowd has merit to its argument and he pointed out Armstrong himself was among those who believed returning to the moon "would assist us mightily in our attempt to go to Mars."

Cabana assured Collins, "We believe the faster we get to the moon, the faster we get to Mars as we develop those systems that

we need to make that happen."

About 100 of the original 500 launch controllers and managers on July 16, 1969, reunited in the firing room Tuesday morning. The crowd also included members of NASA's next moon management team, including Charlie Blackwell-Thompson, launch director for the still-in-development Space Launch System moon rocket. The SLS will surpass the Saturn V, the world's most powerful rocket to fly to date.

Blackwell-Thompson said she got goosebumps listening to the replay of the Apollo 11 countdown. Hearing Collins' "personal account of what that was like was absolutely amazing."

The lone female launch controller for Apollo 11, JoAnn Morgan, enjoyed seeing the much updated-firing room. One thing was notably missing, though: stacks of paper. "We could have walked to the moon on the paper," Morgan said.

Later Tuesday, Collins was going to be reunited with two other Apollo astronauts at an evening gala at Kennedy, including Apollo 16 moonwalker Charlie Duke, who was the capsule communicator in Mission Control for the Apollo 11 moon landing. Huntsville's rocket center also had a special anniversary dinner on tap Tuesday night, with Aldrin and other retired Apollo and Skylab astronauts and rocket scientists.

Only four of the 12 moonwalkers from 1969 through 1972 are still alive: Aldrin, Duke, Apollo 15's David Scott and Apollo 17's Harrison Schmitt.

NASA spokesman Bob Jacobs said Aldrin, 89, bowed out of the launch pad visit, citing his intense schedule of appearances. Aldrin hosted a gala in Southern California last Saturday and planned to head directly to the Huntsville dinner. Aldrin and Collins may reunite in Washington on Friday or Saturday, the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11's moon landing. □



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Rodrigo y Gabriela return to their roots with a new album

By MARK KENNEDY

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Years ago, when Rodrigo Sanchez and Gabriela Quintero would show up at some small European town with their acoustic guitars, they loved to tease the audience.

People would spot the two Mexican artists and assume they should brace themselves for some sort of classical or traditional performance. Then Sanchez would play a little "Stairway to Heaven." Giggles would fill the pub or community center.

"If we're playing two nylon-string guitars, you're not supposed to play Led Zepelin or Metallica," Sanchez said. Quintero, of course, was in on the joke: "You break the cliché."

Rodrigo y Gabriela have been busting musical barriers ever since, melding the power of thrash metal with fiery Spanish melodies. The acoustic, instrumental rock duo has gone back to

those memories to create "Mettavolution," their first album in five years. "The challenge for me and Rodrigo was to reconnect with that original idea — just doing music that is authentic to us and that is genuine," said Quintero. "Mettavolution," a word they created to mean evolution through compassion, offers six original tracks and one ambitious cover — a 19-minute version of Pink Floyd's 1971 epic song "Echoes."

For the album, producer Dave Sardy added some bass, synths and percussion for texture to Sanchez's mesmerizing finger-picking, and Quintero acts once again as the rhythm section — complete with her drumming on the guitar body. Intriguingly, the duo added lyrics to many tunes but didn't record them. "I think it was a very important change in the way we approach music in this album because it made it much more melodic," Sanchez said. They hinted that per-



In this Aug. 5, 2007 file photo, Gabriela Quintero, left, and Rodrigo Sanchez, of the group "Rodrigo Y Gabriela" perform at Lollapalooza at Grant Park in Chicago.

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haps they may one day release the tracks with a real singer aboard.

The pair has long done covers of other artists' songs and Pink Floyd is a favorite band. They wanted to do

their version of "Echoes" for at least 10 years but only attempted it last year for a concert at the Hollywood Bowl. A representative from their record label came and loved it, insisting it ap-

pear on their next album — something Rodrigo y Gabriela had quietly wanted.

"Echoes," with its lyrics about reconnecting to humanity, also works into the theme of the album. "I think we are at that age where you start to think differently now. And to understand that life is about all of us — we are this one entity here," says Sanchez, 45.

Listening to Sanchez and Quintero play, it's hard to believe two people playing guitars can make music this powerful and absorbing. It's even harder to believe that they're self-taught musicians.

"This is my theory: Because we didn't go to school, we've got no boundaries in our heads," says Quintero, 46. "For us, it was not sacrilege to try to jam with any piece we both liked. It could be a punk piece to any classic sort of thing." Both began their careers playing in a little-known Mexico City speed-metal band. □

ABC's 'How to Get Away with Murder' to end after next season

By LYNN ELBER

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It will be case closed next season for "How to Get Away with Murder," with the show's upcoming sixth season to be its last.

The series and its star, Viola Davis, are leaving behind history: In 2015, Davis became the first African American to win an Emmy for best lead actress in a drama series.

In a statement Thursday announcing the show's end, ABC Entertainment President Karey Burke praised Davis for her unforgettable portrayal of a female anti-hero.

Davis plays Annalise Keating, a brilliant attorney and professor at a Philadelphia law school, where she teaches her no-holds-barred views of justice and life and enlists her students in her cases and misadventures.

A three-time Academy Award nominee, Davis won the best supporting actress Oscar in 2017 for "Fences."



In this image released by ABC, Viola Davis appears in a scene from "How To Get Away With Murder." On Tuesday, July 16, 2019, Davis was nominated for an Emmy Award for outstanding lead actress in a drama series.

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Series creator and executive producer Pete Nowalk called ending the show a "brutal decision," but said the story demanded it.

"For me, Annalise Keating's

journey has always had a clear ending," Nowalk said in a statement. "Knowing I have 15 episodes left to finish her story, and the chance to give all the

characters their own killer endings" is a rare gift. He advised fans to "buckle up" for the show's final twists when it returns on Sept. 26. The show's ratings have

softened, with viewership dropping from more than 10 million weekly in its early years to about half that last season.

"How to Get Away with Murder" debuted in 2014 as part of ABC's hit Thursday night programming block from prolific writer-producer Shonda Rhimes, including the long-running "Grey's Anatomy" and now-ended "Scandal." Rhimes created multi-dimensional female characters and rare opportunities for actresses of color, including Davis and former "Grey's Anatomy" star Sandra Oh, who became the first actress of Asian ethnicity to get an Emmy nod for best drama series actress (for "Killing Eve").

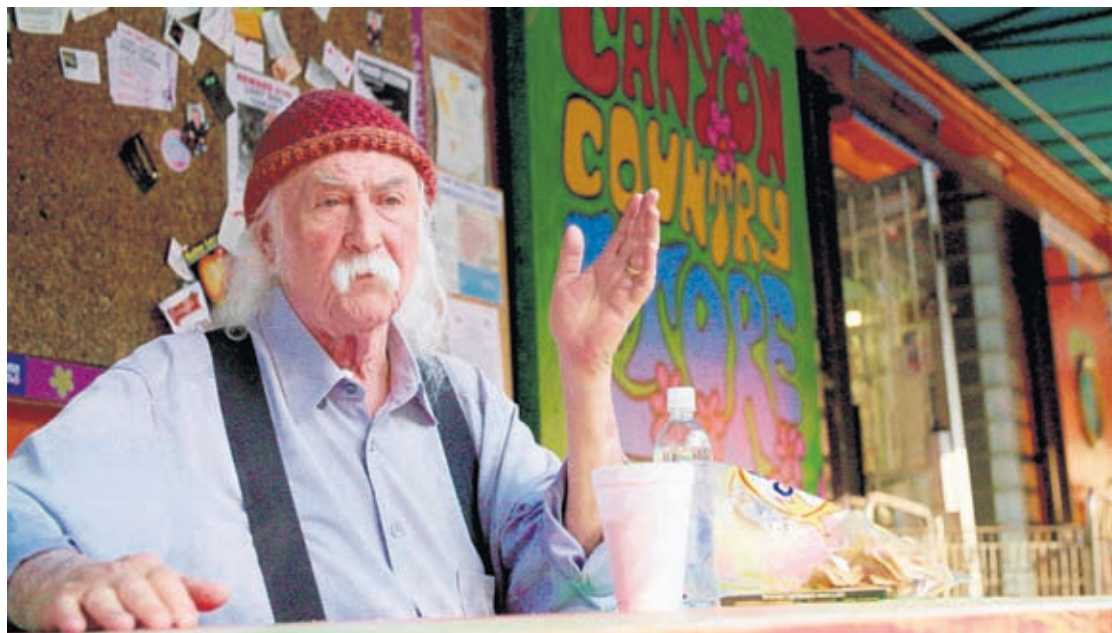
Rhimes' long partnership with ABC Studios ended when she signed a lucrative deal in 2017 to make series for Netflix, which became the new home for her Shondaland production company as part of the streaming service's talent hunt. □

New David Crosby documentary is loving, too loving

By MARK KENNEDY

The final image of David Crosby in a new documentary about the singer-songwriter shows him in his hippie glory, spotting a video camera filming him. He roguishly sticks out his tongue. Then he inexplicably goes further and gives viewers the middle finger. It's sort of an apt gesture to sum up "David Crosby: Remember My Name," director A.J. Eaton's fascinating

and gentle attempt to see what makes this irascible two-time Rock and Roll Hall of Famer tick. Over the course of an hour and half, we learn a ton but never come much closer to understanding him. It's as if he traveled back in time to flip us the bird just to mock us for trying. For viewers only vaguely familiar with this white-haired folk-rock icon with a drooping mustache and an ever-



This image released by Sony Pictures Classics shows musician David Crosby in a scene from the documentary "David Crosby: Remember My Name."

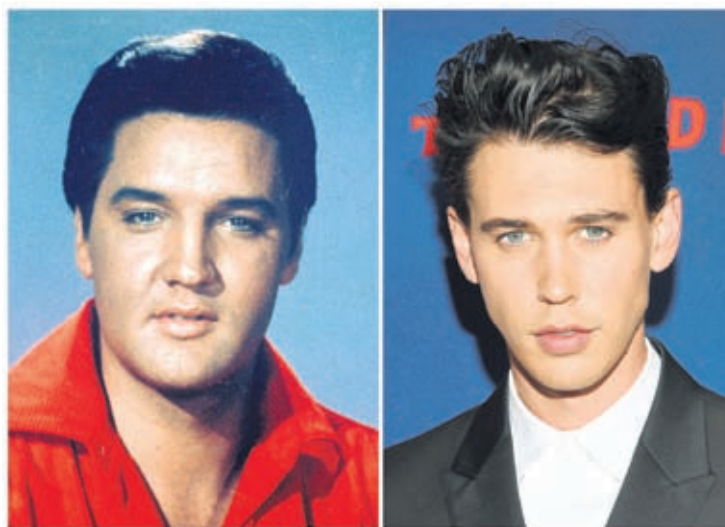
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present red knit cap, the documentary nicely charts Crosby's life and career, generally in chronological order but often flaring out to deal with themes like his addictions and loves. (Viewers are advised to come knowing something about the time period. Like, you're best knowing who this Joni Mitchell lady is before watching.) Crosby's life and art intersect key moments in American history — the 1970 Kent State shootings, Wood-

stock, the Vietnam War, "Easy Rider" among them. He was a member of three major groups in music history — The Byrds, Crosby, Stills & Nash, and Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young. He served time in prison, had a liver transplant and is still making excellent music. But we'll remember his name as much for the songs as for the destructive force he became. None of his former bandmates talk to him. It's not that they lost touch — they actively hate

him. "I was a difficult cat," he admits at one point. Finding out why becomes a key focus of the documentary. Various theories are floated — a withholding father, a girlfriend's death in a car crash, addiction to heroin and cocaine. (But it may not be fair to blame the drugs since his bandmates hated his guts when those guts were sober, too.) This towering figure in music seems isolated, with just the company of his wife and dogs, horses and cats. □

Austin Butler to star as Elvis in Baz Luhrmann-helmed biopic



This combination photo shows singer-actor Elvis Presley in a 1964 photo, left, and actor Austin Butler at the premiere of "The Dead Don't Die" in New York on June 10, 2019.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Baz Luhrmann's Elvis Presley biopic has found its King. After a competitive casting

contest, 27-year-old actor Austin Butler has been cast as Presley. Ansel Elgort, Harry Styles and Miles Teller

all reportedly tested for the role ultimately won by Butler, who last year appeared in the Denzel Washington Broadway revival of "The Iceman Cometh." Luhrmann says in a statement that through "a journey of extensive screen testing and music and performance workshops, I knew unequivocally that I had found someone who could embody the spirit of one of the world's most iconic musical figures." Production is to begin early next year on the Luhrmann-directed film. Tom Hanks co-stars as Presley's manager Colonel Tom Parker. Butler also has a role in Quentin Tarantino's upcoming "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood." □

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Young 'Lion King' actors had Beyoncé-size shoes to fill

By LINDSEY BAHR

Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)

— The pressure was on for young actors Shahadi Wright Joseph and JD McCrary when they got word that they'd been cast as the voices of young Nala and young Simba in "The Lion King." Not only was it an ambitious remake of an iconic film, but it was their first major Hollywood project.

Then they found out that their characters' adult voices would be done by Beyoncé Knowles-Carter and Donald Glover, and it took "just waiting to be king" to a whole new level.

But director Jon Favreau was confident that they could fill the "big shoes" of their adult voices for the film, which opens nationwide Thursday evening. Fourteen-year-old Shahadi, for one, had a pretty big advantage: At age 8, she played young Nala in the Broadway production. In fact, casting director Sar-



This July 10, 2019 photo shows Shahadi Wright Joseph, left, and JD McCrary posing for a portrait at the Montage Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif., to promote their film "The Lion King."

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ah Finn submitted only her name to be considered. Favreau was on board.

"She understood the role, she understood the music and she's got an incredibly

powerful Broadway voice," Favreau said. "She's just this very unique talent."

JD, 11, was less of an obvious choice. He didn't have much of a resume in film

work. Finn, who had helped find Neel Sethi for "The Jungle Book" years ago, had to cast a wide net to find her young Simba, from seasoned veterans to open

call unknowns. Favreau said JD broke through as the front-runner when he saw YouTube videos of him singing. "He definitely had the right voice and a lot of personality as well," Favreau said. "He was somebody who was really interpreting songs and putting a lot of personality into it."

Then, as the filmmakers were getting ready to make the then-8-year-old JD an offer, they learned that he'd just collaborated with Glover on the *Childish Gambino* song "Terrified."

"Donald definitely vouched for JD and said he was great," Favreau said. "I felt there was something pre-ordained about (it)."

JD said getting that call was, "One of the biggest moments of my life."

The two young actors had the benefit of being able to record together in the studio, which doesn't often happen for animated films. It allowed them to riff and play off of one another's personalities. □

Beyoncé and docs on R. Kelly, Michael Jackson get Emmy nods

By MESFIN FEKADU

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Beyoncé's "Homecoming" film has scored six Emmy nominations, while documentaries on Michael Jackson, R. Kelly and the disastrous Fyre Festival also picked up nominations.

With Netflix's "Homecoming: A Film by Beyoncé," the pop star personally earned four of the six nominations Tuesday, including bids for producing, writing, co-directing and musical direction. In the outstanding variety special (pre-recorded) category, "Homecoming" will compete with "Springs-teen on Broadway."

"Homecoming" also earned nominations for costumes and production design.

HBO's "Leaving Neverland," a documentary where two men accused Jackson of molesting them as boys that sparked new scrutiny of years-old claims that the King of Pop preyed on children, earned five nominations, including outstanding



This image released by Netflix shows Beyoncé in a scene from her documentary "Homecoming: A Film by Beyoncé."

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documentary or nonfiction special (Jackson's estate denied the allegations and Jackson long maintained his innocence when he was alive).

Lifetime's "Surviving R. Kelly,"

which looks at the R&B singer's history and allegations that he has sexually abused women and girls, picked up a single nomination for outstanding informational series or special. Kelly, who

was acquitted of child pornography charges in 2008, was hit with new criminal charges on the federal and state level following the airing of the docuseries.

Netflix's "FYRE: The Great-

est Party That Never Happened" followed the highly publicized and famously failed music bash in the Bahamas and received four nominations. Another documentary on the doomed festival called "Fyre Fraud," which aired on Hulu, is nominated for outstanding writing for a nonfiction program, where Showtime's "Wu-Tang Clan: Of Mics And Men" also earned a nomination.

"Aretha! A Grammy Celebration For The Queen of Soul," which aired on CBS and featured Patti LaBelle, John Legend and others honoring the late legend, picked up two nominations.

Sara Bareilles — who has been nominated for multiple Grammys and Tonys and earned up her first Emmy nomination last year — shares a nomination this year for outstanding original music and lyrics with Josh Groban for their work on the 72nd annual Tony Awards. □

Declaration of Independence still inspires activists

By HILLEL ITALIE

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Shauna Marie O'Toole is a transgender activist who has organized and attended countless rallies and lobbied New York State lawmakers for legal protections. Convinced that "no amount of science" would win over opponents, she decided that an "emotional statement" was needed, one drawing upon words as rooted as any in American history.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident," O'Toole wrote, "that all people, regardless of race, gender, religion, immigration or economic status, sexual orientation or gender identity, are created equal, that they are endowed by their government with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

O'Toole, who lives in the Rochester area, received hundreds of responses after she posted her Declaration of Transgender Independence online, from expressions of support to suggestions that Thomas Jefferson would have thought she was crazy.

But for O'Toole, the original Declaration of Independence is more than an old document for students to memorize. It's a starting point for seekers of social justice.

"I think for many activists like myself, it symbolizes what we are willing to do to secure Liberty for ourselves and our posterity," she told The Associated Press in an email.

Historians debate what the slave-holding Jefferson and his fellow drafters meant by writing "all men are created equal," but the Declaration has inspired those not mentioned or even imagined in the text. For more than two centuries, it has informed some of the country's defining rhetoric, from Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, while serving as a template for feminists and labor unions, LGBTQ rights and civil rights. When Americans seek to



This July 15, 2017, photo shows transgender activist Shauna Marie O'Toole during a talk about her book "You Can't Shave in a Minimart Bathroom," at the Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

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appeal to the country's presumed ideals, its fundamental promises, they often turn to the Declaration. "When Jefferson made his famous statement about equality, he did not really mean that we were created equal individually; the real point was that Americans, collectively, as a people, had the same right to self-government as all other peoples," says Jack Rakove, whose books include "Revolutionaries: A

New History of the Invention of America" and "Original Meanings: Politics and Ideas in the Making of the Constitution," which won the Pulitzer Prize in 1997.

"But over time ... the equality statement acquired the aspirational purpose it has held ever since: that each of us is equal in legal status or moral weight or civic ability to everyone else," Rakove says.

Danielle Allen, author of "Our Declaration: A Read-

ing of the Declaration of Independence in Defense of Equality," says that soon after 1776 abolitionists were mentioning the Declaration in their fight against slavery. But its canonization was gradual. Allen and Christopher Warren, a curator of American history at the Library of Congress, both cite the War of 1812 as heightening national pride and anxiety and reviving emotions about the country's past. The Decla-

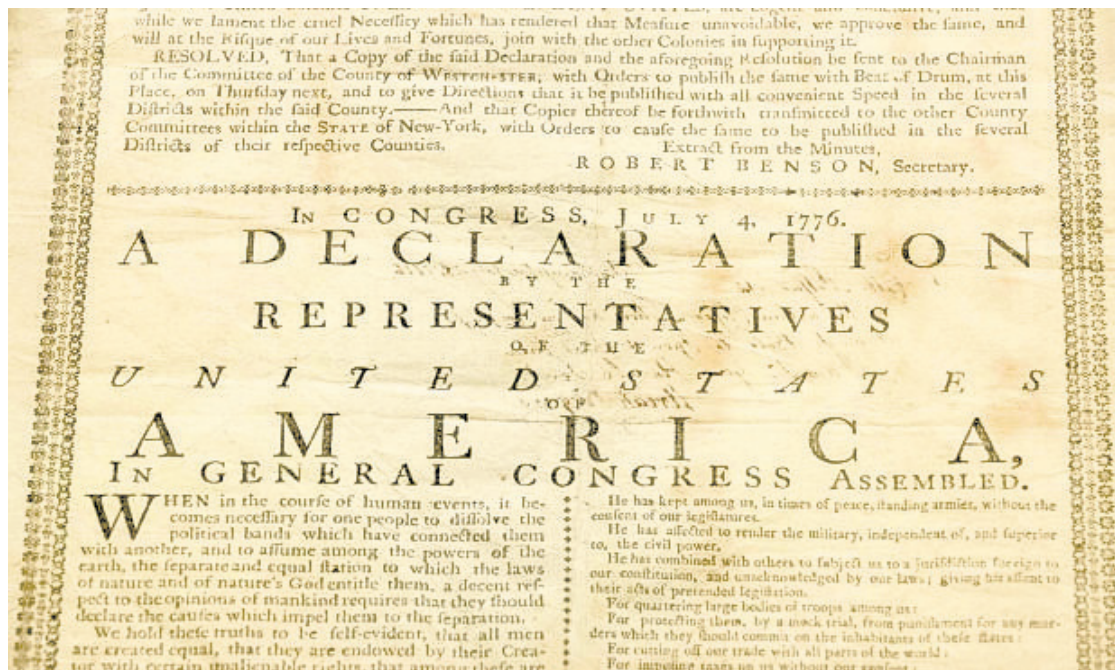
ration took greater hold in the 1820s as Jefferson, John Adams and other founders died.

Through much of the 19th century, "declarations" were issued. The Working Men's Declaration of Independence, issued in 1829, begins, "When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one class of a community to assert their natural and unalienable rights in opposition to other classes of their fellow men. ..." The Socialist Labor Party stated in 1895, "When, in the course of human progression, the despoiled class of wealth producers becomes fully conscious of its rights and determined to take them, a decent respect to the judgment of posterity requires that it should declare the causes which impel it to change the social order."

Before and during the Civil War, North and South invoked the Declaration, but for very different reasons. Historian Ted Widmer, currently working on a book about Lincoln, notes that Lincoln often mentioned the Declaration in speeches even before he was president. When he journeyed from Springfield, Illinois, to Washington for his 1861 inauguration, Lincoln made a point of stopping at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, where he told those gathered that he "never had a feeling politically that did not spring" from the Declaration of Independence.

"The Declaration is the cudgel he uses to beat his political opponents," Widmer says. "We can be the kind of country that builds upon the Declaration of Independence and grants equality and rights or we can be a slave society."

Meanwhile, the Confederates cited the Declaration in asserting their right to secede, but scorned the language of equality. Georgia's leaders borrowed from the Declaration in announcing that they had "dissolved their political connection with the Government of the United States of America." □



In this Monday, June 17, 2019 photo, shown is Holly Metcalf Kinyon's 1776 broadside printing of the Declaration of Independence at the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia.

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